

ANNO PRIMO REGINÆ
ELIZABETHE.

At the Parliament

*begunne at Westminster, the .xxiii. of
January, in the fyfte yere of the raigne of
our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by
the grace of God, of Englande,
fraunce, and Irelande,
Queene, defender of
the fapth. &c.*

*And there proroged yll the .xxv. of the same
moneth, and then there holden, kept,
and continued, untill the dissolu-
tion of the same, beyng the
eyghthe day of May then
next ensuyng, were
enacted as fol-
loweth.*

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The fyrst Chapter.



We humbly beseeche your most excellent Maestie, your saythfull and obedient subiectes, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this your present Parliament assembled, that where in tyme of the raigne of your moste deare father of worthie memorie King Henry the eyght, diuers good lawes & statutes were made and established, as well for the vtter extinguishment and puttyng away of all vsurped and forraigne powers and auctorities out of this your Realme, and o-
ther your highnesse dominions and countreys, as also for the restoring and vniiting to the Imperial Crowne of this Realme, the auncient iurisdiccions, auctorities, superiorities, and preheminence to the same of ryght belongyng and apparteynyng, by reason whereof, we your most humble and obedient subiectes, from the .xxv. yeere of the raigne of your sayde deare father, were continually kept in good order, and were disburdened of diuers great and intollerable charges and exactions, before that tyme vnlawfully taken, and enacted by suche forraigne power and auctoritie as before that was vsurped, vntyll suche tyme as all the sayde good lawes and statutes, by one Acte of Parliament made in the first and seconde yeeres of the raignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie, your hyghnesse syster, entituled, An Acte repealyng all statutes, articles, and prouisions made agaynst the sea Apostolique of Rome, since the .xx. yeere of King Henry the eyght, and also for the establishment of al Spirituall and Ecclesiasticall possessions and hereditamentes conueyed to the laytie, were all clearely repealed and made voyde, as by the same Acte of repeale more at large doth and may appeare. By reason of whiche acte of repeale, your sayde humble subiectes were estoones brought vnder an vsurped forraigne power and auctoritie, and yet doo remaine in that bondage, to the intollerable charges of your louyng subiectes,

of some redresse (by aucthoritie of this your high court of Parliament, with thassent of your hyghnesse) be not had and professed.

May it therefore please your hyghnesse, for the repelling of the sayd usurped soveraigne power, and the restoring of the royalties, jurisdictiones, and preheminences apparteinyng to the Imperiall Crowne of this your Realme, that it may be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte made in the sayde fyrst and second peeres of the raignes of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and all and euery braunche, clauses, and articles therein conteyned (other then such braunches, clauses, and sentences, as hereafter shalbe excepted) may from the last day of this Session of Parliament, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, be repealed, and shal from thencefoorth be utterly voyde, and of none effect.

And that also for the reuiving of dyuers of the sayd good lawes and statutes made in the tyme of your sayde deare father, it may also please your hyghnesse, that one acte and statute made in the. xliii. peere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces where he or she dwelleth, except in certayne cases. And one other acte made in the. xliiii. peere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, entituled, An acte that appeales in suche cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the sea of Rome, shall not be from hencefoorth had ne vsed, but within this Realme. And one other acte made in the. xlv. peere of the sayde late kyng, concernyng restraynte of payment of annates, and fyrste frutes of Archbyshop, riches, and Byshopryches, to the sea of Rome. And one other acte in the sayde. xlv. peere, entituled, An acte concernyng the submission of the Cleargie to the kynges Maestie: and also one acte made in the sayde. xlv. peere, entituled, An acte restraynyng the payment of annates, or fyrste frutes to the Byshop of Rome, and of the electyng and consecratyng of Archbyshoppes, and Byshoppes, within this Realme. And one other acte made in the sayde. xlv. peere, entituled, An acte concernyng the exoneracion of the knynges subiectes from exactions and impositions heretofore payd to the sea of Rome, and for hauing licences and dispensacions within this Realme, without suying further for the same. And one other acte made in the. xlv. peere of the sayde late kyng, entituled, An acte for nomination and consecration of Suffragans within this Realme. And also one other acte made in the. xlv. peere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, entituled, And acte for the releafe of suche as haue obteyned pretended licences and dispensacions from the sea of Rome, and all and euery braunches, wordes, and sentences in the sayde seuerall actes and statutes conteyned, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, from and at all tymes after the last day of this session of Parliament, shalbe reuiued, and shal stande and be in full

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full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that the braunches, sentences, and wordes of the sayde seuerall actes, and euery of them, from thencefoorth shal and may be iudged, deemed, and taken to extende to your hyghnes, your heires and successours, as fully and largely as euer the same actes, or any of them, dyd extende to the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, your hyghnesse father.

And that it may also please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of one acte or statute made in the. xxxii. yeere of the raigne of your sayde deare father kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concerning precontractes of mariages, and touchyng degrees of consanguinitie, as in the tyme of the late kyng Edward the fyrth, your hyghnesse moste deare brother, by one other acte or statute was not repealed. And also one acte made in the. xxxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte that doctours of the Ciuile lawe, being married, may exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and all and euerye braunches, and articles in the sayde two actes last mentioned, and not repealed in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Edward the fyrth, may from hencefoorth lyke wyse stand and be reuiued, and remayne in their full force and strength, to al intentes and purposes: any thyng conteyned in the sayde acte of repeale before mentioned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that it may also please your hyghnesse, that it may be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that al other lawes and statutes, and the braunches and clauses of any acte or statute repealed and made voyde by the sayde acte of repeale, made in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and not in this present acte specially mentioned and reuiued, shall stande, remayne and be repealed, and voyde, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And that it may also please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that one act and statute made in the fyrst yeere of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the fyrth, your Maiesties moste deare brother, entituled, An acte agaynst luche persons as shall vnreuerently speake agaynst the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, commonly called the Sacrament of the aulter, and for the receyuing thereof vnder both kindes, and all and euerye braunches, clauses, and sentences therein conteyned, shal and may lyke wyse from the last day of this Session of parliament, be reuiued, and from thencefoorth shal and may stande, remayne, and be in full force, strength, and effect, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, in suche lyke maner & fourme, as the same was at any time in the first yeere of the raigne

of the sayde late kyng Edward the fyrth, any lawe, statute, or other matter to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And that also it may please your hyghnesse; that it may be further established and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that one act and statute made in the fyfth and seconde peeres of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, entituled, An acte for the reuiving of thre statutes, made for the punishment of heresies, and also the sayde thre statutes, mentioned in the sayde acte, and by the same acte reuived, and all and euery braunches, articles, clauses, and sentences, conteyned in the sayde seuerall actes or statutes, and euery of them, shalbe from the last day of this Session of Parliament, deemed and remayne utterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect, to all intentes and purposes: any thyng in the sayde seuerall actes, or any of them conteyned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And foreign power

And to the intent that al vsurped and forraigne power and auctoritie, spiritual and temporal, may for euer be clearly extinguished, and neuer to be vled or obied within this Realme, or any other your Maiesties dominions or countreys: may it please your hyghnesse, that it may be further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no forraigne prince, parson, prelate, state or potentate, spiritual or temporal, shal at any time after the last day of this Session of Parliament, vse, enioy, or exercise, any maner of power, iurisdiction, superioritie, auctoritie, preheminance, or priuiledge, spiritual or ecclesiastical, within this realme, or within any other your Maiesties dominions or countreys, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, but fro thencefoorth the same shalbe clearly abolished out of this realme, & al other your highnes dominions for euer: any statute, ordinaunce, custome, constitutions, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

ecclesiastical jurisdiction

And that also it may lyke wyse please your hyghnesse, that it may be established and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that suche iurisdiccions, priuiledges, superiorities, and preheminences spiritual and Ecclesiastical, as by any Spiritual or Ecclesiastical power or auctoritie, hath heretofore been, or maye lawfully be exercised or vled, for the visitation of the Ecclesiastical state and persons, and for reformation, order, and correction of the same, and of all manner errors, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities, shall for euer, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, be vnyted and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And that your hyghnesse, your heyres and successours, kinges or Queenes of this Realme, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, by letters patentes vnder the great Seale of Englands, to assigne, name, and auctorize, when and as often as your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, shal thynke meete and conuenient, and for suche and

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so long tyme as shall please your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, suche person or persons beyng natural borne subiectes to your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, as your Maiestie, your heyres, or successours shal thinke meete, to exercise, vse, occupie, and execute, vnder your hyghnesse, your heyres, and successours, al maner of iurisdiccions, priuiledges, and preheminences, in any wyse touching or concernyng any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within these your Realmes of Englande and Irelande, or any other your hyghnesse dominions or Countreys, and to visite, reforme, redresse, order, correct, and amende al suche errors, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contempes, and inormities whatsoeuer, whiche by any maner spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power, aucthoritie, or iurisdiction, can or maye lawfully be reformed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrayned, or amended, to the pleasure of almyghtie God, the encrease of vertue, and the conseruation of the peace and vnitie of this Realme: and that such person or persons so to be named, assigned, aucthorised, and appoynted by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, after the sayd letters patentes to hym or them made and deliuered, as is aforesayde, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the sayde letters patentes, vnder your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, to exercise, vse, and execute all the premisles, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the sayde letters patentes: any matter or cause to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And for the better obseruation and mayntenaunce of this acte, may it please your hyghnesse that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Archbyshoppe, Byshoppe, and all and euery other Ecclesiasticall person, and other Ecclesiasticall officer, and minister, of what estate, dignitie, preheminence, or degree soeuer he or they be, or shalbe, and all and euery temporall Judge, Iusticer, Maior, and other lay or temporal officer and minister, and euery other person hauyng your hyghnesse fees or wages within this Realme, or any your hyghnesse Dominions, shall make, take, and receyue a coporall othe vpon the Euangelist, before such person or persons as shall please your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to assigne and name, to accepte and take the same, accordyng to the tenour and effecte hereafter following: that is to say, *I. A. B.* doo vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Queenes hyghnesse is the onely supream gouernour of this realme, & of all other her highnesse dominions, & countreys, aswel in al spirituall or Ecclesiasticall thinges or causes, as Temporal, and that no forraigne prince, parson, prelate, state, or potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction, power, superioritie, preheminence, or aucthoritie, ecclesiasticall or spirituall within this Realme, and therfore

fore I do utterly renounce and forsake all forraigne iurisdiccions, powers, superiorities, and aucthorities, and do promyse that from henceforth I shall beare sayth and true allegiaunce to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and lawful successours, and to my power shall assiste and defende al iurisdiccions, priuiledges, preheminences, and aucthorities, graunted or belonging to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and successours, or vnited and annexed to the imperial crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and by the contentes of this booke.

And that it may be also enacted, that yf any suche Archebysshoppe, Bysshoppe, or other Ecclesiasticall Officer or Minister, or any of the sayde Tempozall Judges, Justiciaries, or other lay officer or minister, shall peremptorily or obstinately refuse to take or receyue the sayde othe, that then he so refusing, shal forfeite and lose, only duryng his lyfe, all and euery Ecclesiasticall and Spiritual promotion, benefice, and office, and euery Tempozall and lay promotion and office, which he hath soly at the tyme of suche refusall made: and that the whole tytle, interest, and incumbencie, in euery such promotion, benefice, and other office, as agaynst suche person onely so refusyng, duryng his lyfe, shall clearly cease, and be boyd, as though the partie so refusyng were dead. And that also all and euery suche person and persons, so refusyng to take the sayde othe, shall immediatly after suche refusall, be from thenceforth duryng his lyfe, disabled to retayne or exercise any office, or other promotion, whiche he at the tyme of suche refusal hath ioynly, or in common with any other person or persons: and that all and euery person and persons, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe preferred, promoted, or collated to any Archebysshopricke or Bysshopricke, or to any other Spiritual or Ecclesiasticall benefice, promotion, dignitie, office, or ministerie, or that shalbe by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, preferred or promoted to any tempozal or lay office, ministerie, or seruice within this realme, or in any your highnesse dominions, before he or they shal take vpon hym or them to receyue, vse, exercise, supply, or occupie any suche Archebysshopricke, Bysshopricke, promotion, dignitie, office, ministerie, or seruice, shal lyhe wyle make, take, & receyue the sayd corpozal othe before mentioned, vppon the Euangelist, before suche persons as haue or shal haue aucthoritie to admit any suche person to any suche office, ministerie, or seruice, or els before such person or persons, as by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, by commission vnder the great Seale of Englande, shalbe named, assigned, or appointed to minister the said othe. And that it may lyhe wyle be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any suche person or persons, as at any tyme hereafter shalbe promoted, preferred, or collated to any suche promotion Spirituall, or Ecclesiasticall benefice, office, or ministerie, or that by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, shalbe

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promoted or preferred to any Temporall or laye office, ministerie or service, shall and doe peremptorily and obstinately refuse to take the same othe so to hym to be offered, that then he or they so refusing shall presently be iudged disabled in the lawe, to receyue, take, or haue the same promotion spiritual, or Ecclesiasticall, or the same Temporal office, ministerie, or service within this Realme, or any other your hyghnesse dominions, to al intents, constructions, and purposes.

And that it may be further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that al and euery person and persons Temporall, taking liverye, or vires le maine, out of the handes of your hyghnesse, your heires, or successours, before his or their livery or vires le maine, shal forth and allowed, and euery Temporal person or persons, doing any homage to your hyghnesse, your heires, or successours, or that shalbe receyued into service with your hyghnesse, your heires, or successours, shal make, take, and receyue the sayde corporal othe before mentioned, before the Lord Chancelour of Englande, or the Lorde keeper of the great seale for the tyme being, or before suche person or persons, as by your hyghnesse, your heires, or successours shalbe named and appoynted to accept or receyue the same. And that also al and euery person and persons taking orders, and al and euery other person and persons, which shalbe promoted or preferred to any degree of learning in any vniuersitie within this your Realme or dominions, before he shal receyue or take any suche order, or be preferred to any such degree of learning, shal make, take, and receyue the sayde othe by this acte set forth and declared, as is aforesayde, before his or their Ordinarie Commisarie, Chancelour, or vicechancelour, or theyr sufficient deputies in the sayd vniuersitie.

Provided alwayes, and that it may be further enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that yf any person hauing any estate of inheritance, in any Temporall office or offices, shall hereafter obstinately and peremptorily refuse to accept and take the sayde othe, as is aforesayd, and after at any tyme during his lyfe, shal wyllyngly require to take and receyue the sayde othe, and so doe take and accept the same othe before any person or persons that shal haue lawfull authoritie to minister the same: that then euery suche person immediately after he hath so receyued the same othe, shalbe vested, iudged, and deented in lyhe estate and possession of the sayde office, as he was before the sayde refusall, and shal and may vse and exercise the sayde office, in suche maner and forme as he shoulde or myght hane done before suche refusall: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And for the more sure obseruation of this acte, and the better extingwishment of al forraygne and blisped power and authoritie,
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may it please your hyghnesse, that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, dwelling or inhabityng within this your Realme, or in any other your hyghnesse Realmes, or dominions, of what estate, dignitie, or degree soever he or they be, after the ende of. xxx. dayes next after the determination of this session of this present Parliament, shall by wytyng, pryncyng, teachyng, preaching, expresse woordes, deede, or acte, advisedly, maliciously, and directly affirme, holde, stande with, set forth, mayntayne, or defende the auctoritie, prehemynence, power, or iurisdiction Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, of any forraygne Prynce, Prelate, Parson, State, or Potentate whatsoever, heretofore claymed, used, or usurped within this Realme, or any Dominion or Countrey, beyng within or vnder the power, dominion, or obeyssaunce of your hyghnesse: or shal advisedly, maliciously, and directly put in bye, or execute any thing for the extollying, aduancement, setting forth, mayntenance, or defence of any suche pretended, or usurped iurisdiction, power, prehemynence, or auctoritie, or any part thereof: that then every such person & persons, so dooing and offendyng, theyr abbetours, aydours, procurers, and counsaillours, being thereof lawfully convicted and attaynted, accordyng to the true order and course of the common lawes of this Realme, for his or their fyrst offence, shal forsayte and lose vnto your hyghnesse, your heires and successours, al his and theyr goodes and cattels, as wel reall as personall. And yf any suche person so convicted or attaynted, shal not haue, or be woorth of his proper goodes and cattels to the value of. xx. li. at the tyme of suche his conviction or attaynder: that then every suche person so convicted and attaynted, ouer and besides the forsayture of al his sayde goodes and cattels, shal haue and suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yeere, without bayle or mayneprise. And that also all and every the benefices, prebendes, and other Ecclesiasticall promotions and dignities whatsoever, of every Spirituall person so offendyng, and beyng attayned, shal immediatly after suche attayndour, be utterly boyde to al intentes and purposes, as though the Incumbent thereof were dead, and that the patrone and donoꝝ of every suche benefice, prebende, Spirituall promotion, and dignitie, shal and maye lawfully present vnto the same, or geue the same, in suche manner and forme, as yf the sayde incumbent were dead. And yf any suche offendour or offendours, after suche conviction or attaynder, doo eschones commit or doo the sayde offences, or any of them, in maner and forme aforesayd, and be thereof duely convicted and attaynted, as is aforesayde: that then every suche offendour and offendours, shal for the same seconde offence, incurre into the daungers, penalties, and forseyntures, ordeyned and prouided by the statute of prouision and premunire, made in the

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the xvi. yeere of the raigne of kyng Richarde the seconde . And yf any suche offendour or offendours, at any tyme after the sayd second conviction and attayndour, do the thirde time commit and doo the sayd offences, or any of them, in maner and fourme aforesayd, and be thereof drielv convicted and attaynted, as is aforesayde: that then euery suche offence or offences, shalbe deemed and adiudged hygh treason, and that the offendour and offendours therein, beyng thereof lawfully convicted and attaynted, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shall suffer paynes of death, and other penalties, forfeitures, and losses, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes of this Realme.

And also that it may lykewys please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no manner of person or persons, shalbe molested or impeached for any the offences aforesayde, committed or perpetrated onely by preachyng, teachyng, or wordes, vnlesse he or they be thereof lawfully indicted, within the space of one whole yeere next after his or their offences so committed. And in case any person or persons, shall fortune to be imprisoned for any of the sayde offences committed by preachyng, teachyng, or wordes onely, and be not thereof indicted within the space of one halfe yeere, next after his or their suche offence so committed and doone, that then the sayde person so imprisoned, shalbe sette at libertie, and be no longer deteyned in prison for any suche cause or offence.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende to repeale any clause, matter, or sentence conteyned or specified in the sayde acte of repeale made in the sayde fyrst and seconde yeeres of the raignes of the sayde late kyng Philip, and Queene Marry, as doth in any wyse touche or concerne any matter or cause of premunire, or that doth make or ordeyne any matter or cause to be with in the case of premunire, but that the same, for so muche only as toucheth or concerneth any case or matter of premunire, shal stande and remaine in suche force and effecte, as the same was before the making of this acte, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende or be prejudicial to any person or persons for any offence or offences committed or doone, or hereafter to be committed or doone, contrary to the tenour and effecte of any acte or statute now remyned by this acte, before the end of xxx. dayes next after the end of the session of this present parliament: any thyng in this acte conteyned,

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And yf it happen that any peere of this Realme, shal fortune to be indicted of, and for any offence that is reuiued or made premunire, or treason by this acte, that then he so beyng indicted, shal haue his trial by his peeres, in suche like manner and fourme; as in other cases of treason hath ben bled.

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 Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted as is aforesayde, that no manner of order, acte, or determination, for any matter of religion, or cause Ecclesiasticall, had or made by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, shalbe accepted, deemed, interpreted, or adiudged at any tyme hereafter, to be any errour, heresye, schisme, or schismaticall opinion: any order, decree, sentence, constitution, or lawe, whatsoeuer the same be to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that suche person or persons to whom your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, shal hereafter by letters patentes, vnder the great seale of Englande, geue aucthoritie to haue or execute any iurisdiction, power, or aucthoritie spirituall, or to visite, refozme, order, or correct anye errors, heresies, schismes, abuses, or enormities, by vertue of this acte, shal not in any wyse haue aucthoritie or power to order, determine, or adiudge any matter or cause to be hetesye, but onely suche as heretofore haue ben determined, ordred, or adiudged to be heresye, by the aucthoritie of the Canonically scriptures; or by the fyft foure generall counsailes, or any of them, or by any other generall counsaile, wherein the same was declared heresie, by the expresse & playne wordes of the sayd Canonical Scriptures, or suche as hereafter shalbe ordered, iudged, or determined to be heresie, by the hygh Court of Parliament of this Realme, with the assent of the Cleargie in theyr conuocation: Any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shalbe hereafter indicted or arraigned for any the offences made, ordeyned, reuiued, or adiudged by this acte, vntill there be two sufficient witnesss or more, to testifie and declare the sayde offences, whereof he shalbe indicted or arraigned, and that the sayd witnesss, or so many of them as shalbe liuyng, and within this Realme at the time of the arraignment of such person so indicted, shalbe brought forth in person, face to face, before the partie so arraigned, and there shal testifie and declare, what they can say against the partie so arraigned, yf he require the same.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, shal hereafter happen to geue any reliefe, ayde, or comfort, or in any wyse be adpyng, helpyng, or comfortyng to the person or persons of any that shal hereafter happen to be an offender

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dour in any matter or case of Primurire or treason, reuiued or made by this acte : that then such reliefe, ayde, or comfort geuen, shall not be iudged or taken to be any offence, vnlesse there be two sufficient witnessess at the least, that can and wyl openly testifie and declare, that the person or persons that so gaue suche reliefe, ayde, or comfort, had notice and knowledge of such offence committed & done by the said offendour, at the tyme of suche reliefe, ayde, or comfort, so to hym geuen or ministered : any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And where one pretended sentence hath heretofore been geuen in the consistorie in Bowles, before certayne Judges, de legare, by the auctoritie Legantine of the late Cardinall Poole, by reason of a forraigne vsurped power and auctoritie, agaynst Richarde Chetwood Esquire, and Agnes his wyfe, by the name of Agnes Woodhul, at the sute of Charles Tyrel Gentleman, in a cause of matrimonie solemnised betweene the sayd Richarde and Agnes, as by the same pretended sentence more playnely doth appeare, from whiche sentence the sayde Richarde and Agnes haue appealed to the courte of Rome, whiche appeale doth there remayne, and yet is not determined : May it therefore please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf sentence in the sayd appeale, shall happen to be geuen at the sayd court of Rome, for, and in the behalfe of the sayd Richarde and Agnes, for the reuersyng of the sayd pretended sentence, before the ende of threescore dayes next after the ende of this Session of this present Parliament : that then the same shalbe iudged and taken to be good and effectuell in the lawe, and shall, and may be bled, pleaded, and alowed in any courte or place within this Realme : any thing in this acte, or in any other acte or Statute contained to the contrary, notwithstanding. And if no sentence shalbe geuen at the courte of Rome in the sayde appeale, for the reuersyng of the sayde pretended sentence, before the ende of the sayd threescore dayes, that then it shall and may be lawfull for the sayde Richarde and Agnes, and eyther of them, at any tyme hereafter, to commense, take, sue, and prosecute their sayd appeale from the sayde pretended sentence, and for the reuersyng of the sayd pretended sentence within this Realme, in such lyke maner and fourme as was bled to be pursued, or myght haue ben pursued within this Realme, at any time since the .xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henrie the eyght, vppon sentences geuen in the court or courtes of any Archbyschoppe within this Realme. And that such appeale as so hereafter shalbe taken or pursued by the sayde Richarde Chetwood and Agnes, or eyther of them, and the sentence that therein or therebpon shall hereafter be geuen, shalbe iudged to be good and effectuell in the Lawe, to all intentes and purposes : any

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lawe, custome, vsage, canon, constitution, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that where there is the lyke appeale nowe dependyng in the sayd Court of Rome, betweene one Robert Harcourt, Merchant of the Staple, and Elizabeth Harcourt, otherwysse called Elizabeth Robins, of the one partie, and Anthonie sydel, Merchant stranger, on the other partie, that the sayd Robert, Elizabeth, and Anthonie, and every of them, shal and may for the prosecuting and tryng of their sayde appeale, haue and enjoy the lyke remedie, benefite, and aduantage, in lyke maner and fourme as the sayde Richard and Agnes, or any of them, hath, may, or ought to haue and enjoy: this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An Acte for the vniformitie

of Common prayer, and Service in the Church, and the administration of the Sacramentes.

The. ii. Chapter.



Here at the death of our late Soueraigne Lorde King Edward the first, there remayned one vniforme order of common Service & prayer, and of the administration of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies in the Church of Englande, whiche was set forth in one booke, entituled, The booke of common prayer, & administration of Sacramentes, and other rites & ceremonies in the Church of Englande, auctorised by act of Parliament, holden in the fifth and sixth peeres of our sayd

late Soueraigne Lord King Edward the first, entituled, An act for the vniformitie of common prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes: the which was repealed and taken away by acte of Parliament in the fyrst peere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Ladye Queene Marie, to the great decay of the due honour of God, and discomfort to the professours of the trueth of Christes Religion.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliamente, that the sayde estatute of repeale, and every thyng therein conteyned, onely concernyng the sayde booke, and the service, administration

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ministracion of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies, conteyned or appoynted in or by the sayd booke, shalbe voyde and of none effect, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next comming: And that the sayd booke, with the order of seruice and of the administracion of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies, with the alteration and additions therein added and appoynted by this estatute, shal stand, and be from and after the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist, in full force and effect, accordyng to the tenour and effect of this estatute: any thyng in the aforesayd estatute of repeale to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by the Quenes hyghnesse, with thassent of the lordes and commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler ministers in any Cathedral or parish Church, or other place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, and the marches of the same, or other the Quenes dominions, shall from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, be bounde to saye and vse the Mattens, Euen song, Celebration of the Lordes Supper, and administracion of eche of the Sacramentes, and all their common and open prayer, in such order and fourme as is mentioned in the sayd booke so aucthorised by Parliament, in the sayd. v. and. vi. yeeres of the raigne of king Edward the sixt, with one alteration or addition of certayne Lessons to be vsed on euery Sunday in the yeere, and the fourme of the Letanie altered and corrected, and two sentences onely added in the deliuerie of the Sacrament to the communicantes, and none other, or otherwys. And that yf any maner Parson, Vicar, or other whatsoever Minister, that ought, or shoulde saye or saye common prayer, mentioned in the sayd booke, or minister the Sacramentes, from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, refuse to vse the sayd common prayers, or to minister the Sacramentes in such Cathedral or parish Church, or other places, as he shoulde vse to minister the same, in such order and fourme as they be mentioned and set forth in the sayd booke, or shall wysfully or obstinately standyng in the same, vse any other rite, ceremonie, order, fourme, or maner of celebratyng of the lordes supper, openly or priuely, or Mattens, Euen song, administracion of the Sacramentes, or other open prayers, then is mentioned and set forth in the sayd booke (Open prayer in and throughout this acte, is meant that prayer which is for otherto come vnto, or heare, eyther in common Churches, or priuate Chappels, or Oratories, commonly called the seruice of the Church) or shall preache, declare, or speake any thyng in the derogation or depcaying of the sayd booke, or any thyng therein conteyned, or of any part thereof, & shalbe thereof lawfully conuicted, accordyng to the lawes of
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this Reatme, by verdict of twelue men, or by his owne confession, or by the notorious euidence of the facte, shall loose and so: sayte to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres and successours, for his fyrst offence, the profite of all his spirituall benefices or promotions, commynge or arysyng in one whole yeere next after his conuiction. And also that the person so conuicted, shall for the same offence, suffer imprisonment by the space of. vi. monethes, without bayle or maynepryse. And yf any such person once conuict of any offence concernyng the premysse, shall after his fyrst conuiction eftsoones offende, and be thereof in fourme aforesayde lawfully conuicted, that then the same person shall for his seconde offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole yeere, and also shall therefore be depriued, ipso facto, of all his spirituall promotions, and that it shalbe lawfull to all patrones or donors of al and singular the same spirituall promotions, or of any of them, to present or collate to the same, as though the person or persons so offendyng were dead. And that yf any such person and persons, after he shalbe twyse conuicted in fourme aforesayde, shall offende agaynst any of the premysse the thyrde tyme, and shalbe thereof in fourme aforesayde lawfully conuicted, that then the person so offendyng, and conuicted the thyrde tyme, shalbe depriued, ipso facto, of all his spirituall promotions, and also shall suffer imprisonment duryng his lyfe. And yf the person that shall offende, and be conuicted in fourme aforesayde, concernyng any of the premysse, shall not be beneficed, nor haue any spirituall promotion: that then the same person so offendyng and conuicted, shall for the fyrst offence suffer imprisonment duryng one whole yeere next after his sayde conuiction, without bayle or maynepryse. And yf any such person, not hauyng any spirituall promotion, after his fyrst conuiction, shal eftsoones offende in any thyng concernyng the premysse, and shall in fourme aforesayd be thereof lawfully conuicted, that then the same person shall for his seconde offence suffer imprisonment duryng his lyfe.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons whatsoeuer, after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist next commyng, shal in any Enterludes, Playes, Songues, Rimes, or by other open woordes, declare or speake any thyng in the derogation, depauryng, or despying of the same booke, or of any thyng therein conteyned, or any part thereof, or shall by open facte, deede, or by open threatnynges, compell, or cause, or otherwise procure, or maynteyne any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedrall or Parryshe Church, or in Chappell, or in any other place, to syng or say any common or open Prayer, or to minister any Sacrament, otherwise, or in any other maner and fourme then is mentioned in the sayde booke, or that by any of the sayd meanes shall
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unlawfully interrupt, or let any Parson, Vicar, or other Minister, in any Cathedrall or Parryshe Church, Chappell, or any other place, to syng or say common and open prayer, or to minister the Sacramentes, or any of them, in suche maner and fourme, as is mentioned in the sayd booke: that then euery such person, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted, in fourme aforesayd, shall forsayte to the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, for the fyrst offence, a hundred Markes. And if any person or persons, being once conuict of any such offence, eftsoones offende agaynst any of the last recited offences, and shall in fourme aforesayde be thereof lawfully conuict: that then the same person so offendyng and conuict, shall for the seconde offence, forsayte to the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, foure hundred Markes. And yf any person, after he in fourme aforesayde, shall haue been twyse conuict of any offence concerning any of the last recited offences, shal offende the thyrde time, and be thereof in fourme abouesayde lawfully conuict: that then euery person so offendyng and conuict, shall for his thyrde offence, forsayte to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, all his goodes and cattelles, and shal suffer imprisonment during his lyfe. And if any person or persons, that for his fyrst offence concerning the premysse, shalbe conuict in fourme aforesayde, do not pay the summe to be payde by vertue of his conuiction, in such maner and fourme as the same ought to be payde, within. vi. weekes next after his conuiction: that then euery person so conuict, and so not paying the same, shall for the same first offence, in steede of the sayde summe, suffer imprisonment by the space of. vi. monethes, without bayle or mainprise. And if any person or persons, that for his seconde offence concerning the premysse, shalbe conuict in fourme aforesayde, do not pay the sayd summe to be payde by vertue of his conuiction, and this estatute, in such maner & fourme as the same ought to be payd, within. vi. weekes next after his sayd second conuiction: that then euery person so conuicted, and not so paying the same, shall for the same seconde offence, in steede of the sayde summe, suffer imprisonment during. xii. monethes, without bayle or maynerise. And that from and after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comynge, all and euery person and persons, inhabityng within this Realme, or any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall diligently and faythfully, hauyng no lawfull or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeuour them selues to resort to there parryshe Church or Chappel accustomed, or bypon reasonable let thereof, to some vniuersall place where common prayer and suche seruice of GOD shalbe bled, in such tyme of let, bypon euery Sunday, and other dayes ordeyned and bled to be kept as holy dayes, and then and there to abyde orderly, and soberly, during the tyme of the common Prayer, Preachinges,

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cheynges, or other seruice of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vpon payne of punishment by the censures of the Church, and also vpon payne that euery person so offendyng, shall forseyte for euery suche offence. xii. d. to be leuyed by the Churchwardens of the paryshe where such offence shalbe done, to the vse of the poore of the same paryshe, of the goodes, landes, and tenementes of suche offendour, by way of distresse. And for due execution hereof, the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Tempozall, and al the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doth in Gods name earnestly require & charge all the Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries, that they shal endeavour them selues to the uttermost of theyr knowledges, that the due and true execution hereof, may be had throughout their Diocesse and charges, as they wyl answere before God, for such euyls and plagues wherewith almightie God may iustly punish his people for neglecting this good and holisome lawe. And for their aucthoritie in this behalfe, be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and singular the same Archbishops, Bishops, and all other theyr officers, exercising Ecclesiastical iurisdiction, as well in place exempt, as not exempt, within their Diocesse, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to reforme, correct, and punyssh by censures of the Church, all and singular persons, which shal offende within any their Iurisdictiones or Diocesse, after the sayde feast of the Natiuite of S. John Baptist next comynng, agaynst this acte and statute: any other lawe, statute, priuiledge, libertie, or prouision, heretofore made, had, or suffered to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of Assise, shall haue full power and aucthoritie in euery of their open and generall Sessions, to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and all maner of offences, that shalbe committed or done, contrary to any Article conteyned in this present acte, within the limittes of the Commission to them directed, and to make processe for the execution of the same, as they may doo agaynst any person being endited before them of trespassse, or lawfully conuicted thereof.

Prrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Archbishop, and Bishop, shall or may at all tyme and tymes, at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and associate him selfe by vertue of this acte, to the sayde Justices of Oyer and determiner, or to the sayd Justices of Assise, at euery of the sayd open and general Sessions to be holden in any place within his Diocesse, for and to the enquire, hearyng, and determining of the offences aforesayd.

Prrouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the bookes concernyng the sayde Seruices, shall at the costes and charges

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charges of the parishioners of every paryshe, and Cathedral Church, be attayned and gotten before the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist next folowynge, and that all suche Paryshes and Cathedral Churches, or other places, where the sayd bookes shalbe attayned and gotten, before the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist, shall within three weekes next after the sayd bookes so attayned and gotten, vse the sayd Service, and put the same in vse, accordyng to this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shalbe at any tyme hereafter impeached, or otherwise molested, of, or for any the offences aboue mentioned, hereafter to be committed or doone contrary to this acte, vnllesse he or they so offending, be thereof indited at the next generall Sessions to be holden before any suche Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of Assise, next after any offence committed or done, contrary to the tenour of this acte.

Provided alwayes, and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that al and singular Lordes of the Parliament, for the thyrde offence aboue mentioned, shalbe tryed by their peeres.

Provided also, and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Maior of London, and all other Maiors, Bailiffes, and other head officers, of all and singular Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate, within this Realme, Wales, and the Marches of the same, to the which Justices of Assise doo not commonly repaire, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine the offences abouesayd, and euery of them, yeerely within .xv. dayes after the feast of Easter and S. Michael Tharchangel, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of Assise, and Oyer and determiner may doo.

Provided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and singular Archbishops and Bishops, and euery of their Chauncellours, Commissaries, Archdeacons, and other Ordinaries, hauing any peculier Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, as well to enquire in theyr visitation, Synodes, and elswhere, within their iurisdiction, at any other tyme and place, to take accusacions, and informations, of all and euery the thinges aboue mentioned, doone, committed, or perpetrated, within the limites of their iurdictions & auctoritie, and to punyshe the same by admonition, excommunication, sequestration, or deprivation, and other censures and processe, in lyke fourme as heretofore hath been vled in lyke cases by the Queenes Ecclesiasticall lawes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that whatsoever person offending in the premisses, shall for theyr offences fyrr receiue punishment

nishment of the Ordinary, hauing a testimoniall thereof vnder the sayde Ordinaries Seale, shall not for the same offence estsoones be committed before the Iustices. And yf he wyl receyuing for the sayd fyrst offence punishment by the Iustices, he shall not for the same offence estsoones receyue punishment of the Ordinarie: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that such ornamentes of the Church, and of the ministers thereof, shalbe reteyned and be in vse, as was in this Church of Englande, by auctoritie of Parliamt, in the secone yeere of the raigne of kyng Edward the. vi. vntyll other order shalbe therein taken by the auctoritie of the Queenes Maiestie, with the aduise of her Commissioners appoynted and aucthorised vnder the great Seale of England for causes Ecclesiasticall, or of the Metropolitane of this Realme. And also, that yf there shall happen any contempt or irreuerence to be vsed in the ceremonies or rites of the Church, by the misusyng of the orders appoynted in this booke: the Queenes Maiestie may, by the lyke aduise of the sayd Commissioners or Metropolitane, ordeyne and publyshe such farther ceremonies or rites, as may be most for the aduancement of Gods glory, the edifying of his Church, and the due reuerence of Chyldes holy mysteries and Sacramentes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all Lawes, Statutes, and Ordinaunces, wherein or whereby any other Service, administration of Sacramentes, or common Prayer, is limited, establisshed, or set forth, to be vsed within this Realme, or any other the Queenes dominions or Countreys, shal from hencefoorth be utterly voyde, and of none effect.

An Acte for Recognition of the Queenes hyghnesse tytle to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme.

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There is nothyng vnder God (most dreade Soueraigne Ladye) where we your most humble, faythfull, and obedient subiectes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present Parliamt assembled, haue, may, or ought to haue more cause to reioyce, then in this only, that it hath pleased GOD of his mercifull prouidence and goodnesse, towarde vs and this our Realme, not onely to prouide, but also to preserue and keepe for vs, and our wealthes your royall Maiestie, our most ryghtfull and lawfull Soueraigne

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ueraigne liege Lady and Queene, most happily to raigne ouer vs, for the whiche, we do geue and yeelde vnto hym from the bottomes of our hartes, our humble thanks, laudes, and prayles: Euen so there is nothyng that we your sayde subiectes for our partes can, may, or ought towarde your hyghnesse, more firmly, entirely, and assuredly, in the puritie of our hartes thynke, or with our mouthes declare and confesse to be true, then that your Maiestie our sayde Soueraigne Lady is, and in very deede, and of most meere ryght ought to be by the lawes of God, and the lawes and statutes of this Realme, our most ryghtful and lawfull Soueraigne liege Lady & Queene: and that your hyghnesse is rightly, lineally, and lawfully descended, and come of the blood royall of this Realme of Englande, in and to whose princely person, and the heyres of your body lawfully to be begotten after you, without all doubt, ambiguitie, scruple, or question, the imperiall and royal estate, place, crowne, & dignitie of this Realme, with all honors, stiles, titles, dignities, regalities, iurisdiccions, & preheminences to the same now belongyng and apparteynyng, are and shalbe most fully, ryghtfully, really, and entirely inuested, and incorporated, vnited, & annexed, as ryghtfully, and lawfully, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same were in the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, or in the late kyng Edward the sixt, your hyghnesse brother, or in the late Queene Marie, your hyghnesse syster, at any time since the act of Parliament made in the. xxxv. yeere of the raigne of your sayde most noble father kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concernyng the stablyshment of the kinges maiesties succession in the imperial crowne of this Realme. For which causes, we your sayd most louyng, saythful, & obedient subiectes, representyng the three estates of your Realme of England, as therevnto constrainyd by the lawe of God & man, except we shoulde ouermuch forget our dueties to your hyghnesse, and to the heyres of your body lawfully begotten, can no lesse doo, but most humbly beseeche your hyghnesse, that by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, it may be enacted, established, and declared, that we doo recognise, acknowledge, and confesse the same your estate, ryght, tytyle, and succession, as is aforesaid, to be in and to your hyghnesse, and the heyres of your body to be begotten, thorowoutly, and in the whole, and in euery part thereof, in such maner & fourme as before is mentioned, declared, or confessed, and therevnto most humbly & saythfully we do submit our selues, our heyres, & posterities for euer: And further do make our most hartie and humble petition vnto your hyghnesse, that it may please the same, not only to accept this our sayde recognition, but also our saythfull promises, that we, accordyng to our dueties, shall and wyll stande to assiste and defende your royall Maiestie, and the heyres of your body to be begotten, beyng Kynges and Queenes of this Realme,

Realme, and your sayd ryghtes, and titles in and to the sayde imperiall estate, place, crowne, and dignitie, in all thinges thereto belongyng, at al tymes to the vttermoſt of our poſſible powers, and therein to ſpende our bodyes, landes, and goodes, agaynſt all perſons whatſoeuer, that any thyng ſhall attempt to the contrary.

And that it may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that as wel this our declaration, confeſſion, and recognition, as alſo the limitation & declaration of the ſucceſſion of the imperiall crowne of this Realme, mentioned and conteyned in the ſayde acte made in the ſayde. xxxb. yeere of the raigne of your ſayde moſt noble father, ſhall ſtande, remaine, and be the lawe of this Realme for euer. And that all ſentences, iudgementes, and decrees, had, made, declared, ſet forth, publiſhed, and promulged, and alſo as much of euery claufe, article, braunche, matter, or thyng contayned and expreſſed in any acte or actes of Parliament, as be in any thyng repugnaunt, contrary, or derogatorie to this our ſayd confeſſion, declaration, and recognition, or to any part or parcel thereof, or contrary to the ſayd limitation of the ſucceſſion of the imperiall crowne, eſta bliſhed and made by the ſayde acte in the ſayde xxxb. yeere of the raigne of the ſayd late king Henry the eyght (by what ſoeuer power or aucthoritie the ſame been, or haue been had or made) ſhalbe vtterly fruſtrate, voyde, and of none effect: and alſo ſhall and may be cancelled, defaced, and put in perpetuall obliuion at your hyghneſſe wyll and pleaſure, as yf the ſame had neuer been had, made, declared, ſet forth, publiſhed, or promulged.

An Acte for the reſtitution of the fyrſt frutes and

tenthes, and rentes reſerued *nomine decime*, and of parſonages impr. priate to
the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme.

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In their moſt humble wyſe beſeechen your moſt excellent Maieſtie, your faythful and humble ſubiectes, the Lo:des ſpirituall and temporall, and the Commons of this your Realme in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that where in the Parliament of your moſt noble father of famous memorie King Henry the eyght, holden at Weſtmiſter bypon prorogation the thyrde day of November, in the. xxvi. yeere of his prosperous raigne, it was enacted, ordayned, and eſta bliſhed by thaucthoritie of the ſame Parliament, amongſt other thynges, that his hyghneſſe, his heyres, & ſucceſſours, kynges of this Realme, ſhould haue & enioy from time to time, to endure for euer, of euery perſon and perſons, which at any tyme after the fyrſt day of Januarie then next enſuing, ſhoulde be nominated, elected, preſected, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted

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ted to haue any Archbysshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacye, Monasterie, Pryorie, Colledge, Hospitall, Archdeaconry, Deanery, Priouostshyp, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntry, free Chappell, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion Spiritual, within this Realme, or els where, within any of the Kinges dominions, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, or to whose foundation, patronage, or gyft soeuer they dyd belong, the fyrt frutes, reuenues, and profites, for one yeere of euery suche Archbysshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacye, Monasterie, Pryorie, Colledge, Hospitall, Archdeaconrie, Deanerie, Priouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrye, free Chappell, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spiritual afozenamed, wherebnto any such person or persons shoulde after the sayd fyrt day of Januarie be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted. And that euery such person and persons, before any actual or reall possession, or medying with the profites of any suche Archbysshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacy, Monastery, Colledge, Hospitall, Deanery, Priouostshyp, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntry, free Chappell, Pryorie, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spiritual, shoulde satisfie, content, and pay, or copound, or agree to pay to the Kinges vse, at reasonable dayes, vpon good suerties, the sayd fyrt frutes and profites for one yeere. And it was further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that the fyrt frutes of benefices, before that tyme accustomed to be payde to the Bysshoppe of Norwiche within his Diocesse, and to the Archdeacon of Richemonde within his Archdeaconry, or any other person or persons within this Realme, or any other the Kinges dominions, should from the sayd fyrt day of Januarie, cease and be extincte, and no longer be payde but only to the Kinges hyghnesse, his heyres, and successours, in suche fourme as is before mentioned. And farther it was enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that the Kinges Maiestie, his heyres, and successours, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall Crowne, shoulde yeerely haue, take, enioy, and receyue, vnited and knitte to his imperial Crowne for euer, one yeerely rent or pention, amountyng to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, farmes, tythes, offerynge, entolumentes, and of all other profites, aswel called spiritual as tempoiall, apparternyng or belonging, or that from thencefoorth shoulde belong to any Archbysshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacy, Monastery, Pryorie, Archdeaconry, Deanery, Hospitall, Colledge, House Collegiate, Prebende, Cathedral Church, Collegiate Church, Conuentuall Church, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntry, free Chappell, or other benefice, or promotion spiritual, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, within any Diocesse of this Realme, or in wales, the sayd pention or annal rent, to be yeerely

perely payd for euer, to the sayd late kyng, his heyres and successours, at the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God, and the fyrst payment thereof to begin at the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God, which should be in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand, fure hundred, thirtie & fure, & to be payd perely by such as should be appoynted to haue the collection thereof, before the first day of Apryl next folowing, after the said feast of the Natiuitie of our Lorde God, as in the sayd acte more playnely is deoth appeare. And where also one other acte was made & established in the sayd Parliament, the sayd. xxvi. yere, that no farmour of Spirituall persons, should be compelled or charged to pay for their leassours fyrst frutes or yerelely pention, for the tenth graunted vnto the kynges hyghnesse, notwithstanding any couenaunt, contract, bonde, or other thyng made to the contrary, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at one other session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at westminster, in the. xxvii. yere of the raigne of your sayd father, one other acte was made and established, that the kynges Spirituall subiectes, shoulde be deducted and allowed of the tenth of their spirituall promotions, for that fyrst yere for whiche they should pay thei fyrst frutes, as in the sayd act also more at large appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament of the sayd late kyng, holden at westminster in the. xxviii. yere of his raigne, amongst other thynges it was enacted and ordeyned, that the yere in whiche the fyrst frutes of euery benefice and spirituall promotion shoulde be payde, shoulde begynne and be accompted immediatly after the aduoydaunce thereof. And that the tythes, commodities, reuenues, casualties, and profites thereof (Chauntries only excepted) in the tyme of vacation, shoulde belong and asserre to the next Incumbente, towardes the payment of the fyrst frutes, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament holden bypon prorogation at westminster, in the. xxxii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, one acte was made and established, that Bishoppes bypon their accomptes, of, and for the sayde yerelely tenth, shoulde be discharged by their othes of payment of such summe or summes of money, of the sayd annall rent, or tenth, as they coulde not lawfully leuy, and also an order appoynted how the kyng shoulde be answerared of the tenth of any benefice & spiritual promotion, omitted in the originall or former certificate of benefices and spirituall promotions, made in the Exchequer, as by the same acte last mentioned more at large appeareth. And where also in the same Session and Parliament holden in the sayde. xxxii. yere of the raigne of your hyghnesse sayd noble father, and by aucthoritie of the same Parliament, one court was erected, established, and made, for the better answerayng of the sayde fyrst frutes and tenthes vnto the kyng, called the Court of fyrst

first frutes and tenthes, as in the same acte of erection thereof more fully appeareth. And where also in the same session and Parliament one acte was there made, whereby the Bpshp of Norwych for the time beyng (beyng before that discharged from the collection of the tenth within his diocesse) shoulde be charged and chargeable for ever, for and with the collection of the same tenth within his diocesse, & make payment therof as other Bishops should or ought to do within theyr diocesse, as by the same act more playnely appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late king, holden at Westminister vpon prorogation, in the. xliiii. yeere of his raigne, one acte was established and made concerning Collectours and Receauers, to make payment of theyr receiptes within three monethes next after the same shoulde be due, and payde to the kinges ble, vnder certayne penalties therein expessed, as by the same act more at large appeareth. And where also in the same Session and Parliament it was enacted and established, that the newe erected Bishops, of Chester, Gloucester, Peterborough, Bristol, Oxford, and theyr successours for ever, shoulde pay theyr tenthes reserued vpon theyr letters patents, or theyr feuerall erections, onely in the sayde court of the first frutes & tenthes for ever, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in the Parliament of the sayde late king, holden at Westminister in the. xxxvii. yeere of his raigne, one act entituled, An acte for the vniion of Churches, not exceeding the value of. vi. li. was established and made, wherein is conteyned a Sauing to the king of the first frutes and tenthes of al Churches and Chappels, not exceeding the value of vi. li. that then were, or from thencefoorth shoulde be vniited and consolidate in one, as in the same acte and Sauing more largely appeareth. And where also in the Parliament of your hyghnesse dearest brother of worthie memorie king Edwarde the sixth, holden at Westminister vpon prorogation, in the seconde yeere of his raigne, one acte was made, that by the certificate of the Bishop of any diocesse within this Realme, or any of the dominions of the same, of recusaunce or none payment of anye tenth of anye benefice or spiritual promotion, the Incumbent shoulde leese but the benefice or promotion onely, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth.

And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late king Edwarde, holden at Westminister in the seuenth yeere of his raigne, one acte was made and established, declaring howe and in what sort the vnder Collectours of the tenth in euery diocesse, appoynted by the Bpshp, shoulde be bounde to discharge the Bishop of that collection, and a longer day geuen for the payment of the tenth: and howe the king shoulde be answerd of the tenth for the tyme of vacation of euery benefice and spiritual promotion, and that the patentees of the

collection of tenth, shoulde be good onely duryng the incumbentes of the grauntours, as in the same acte more at large is conteyned, And where also in the second session of parliament of our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, your Maiesties dearest sister, holden at westminster in the fyrst yeere of her raigne, one acte was made and established, whereby full power and aucthoritie was geuen and appoynted vnto her highnesse, at her wyll and pleasure, to alter, chaunge, vnite, transport, disolue, or determine, as wel the sayde court of fyrst frutes and tenthes, as the court of augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and other courtes, therein expresse, and to reduce the same courtes, or any of them, into one, two, or more court or courtes, or to vnite and annexe the sayde courtes, or any two or more of them, togeather, or to any other of her Maiesties courtes of recordes, as to her it shoulde be thought most conuenient and best, for the better, sure, and more speedy aunswearynge of her yeerely reuenues, casualties, and profites, then answerable in the sayde courtes, or any of them, as in the same acte more at large is expresse: by vigoꝝ and aucthoritie of whiche acte, the sayde late Queene by her graces foure seuerall letters patentes, whereof two beare date the .xxiii. day of January, in the first yeere of her raigne, and the other two the .xxviii. day of January in the same yeere, dyd not onely dissolue, determine, and extinguishe the sayde courtes, commonly called and entituled, The court of augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, and, The court of the fyrst frutes and tenthes, and the iurisdiction and aucthoritie thereof: but also dyd vnite, transposse, and annexe the sayde courtes of augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, and of the fyrst frutes and tenthes, so dissolued, to the sayde court of the Exchequer, there to be and continue as a member and parcel of the same court of the Exchequer: and dyd appoynt al and singuler the reuenues, casualties, profites, and hereditamentes then answerable in the sayde courtes, to the order, rule, surueye, and gouernaunce of the sayde court of the Exchequer, there to be answered and accompted for euer, in suche order, maner, and fourme, as in the sayde later letters patentes, and in two Scedules vnto the sayde letters patentes annexed, is mentioned and declared, as by the tenour and purport of the sayde letters patentes and Scedules, signed with her highnesse hand, more playnely may appeare. By reason of al whiche sayde premisses, not onely the sayde perpetual reuenues of the fyrste frutes and tenthes, graunted by the sayde acte in the .xxvi. yeere of the raigne of your highnesse most noble father, in augmentation and mayntenaunce of the crowne of this Realme, but also the tenthes or yeerely rentes reserved nomine decime, by any letters patentes, of your sayde noble father, sithence the sayd .xxvi. yeere of his raigne, and of your sayd dearest brother

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ther and sister, or of any of them, made to any Byshop, and his successours, or to any Cathedral Church, Deane and Chapter, Colledge, or any other Ecclesiastical and Spiritual person or persons, or corporations, and their successours for ever. And also all and every the rentes, reuenues, issues, and profites, of all and singuler Rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pensions, portions, and other profites, and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spiritual to the same belongyng, beyng in the handes and possession of your sayde dearest sister, at the sayde .xxiiii. day of January, were ordered, answerable, and accounted for in the sayde court of the Exchequer, and were therein wel and iustly answered and payde vnto her hyghnesse vse and behoofe, lyke as the same hadde ben vnto the sayde two noble kynges, her sayde father & brother, by the space of .xx. yeeres, without greefe or contradiction of the Prelates and Cleargie of this Realme, to the great ayde, releefe, and supportation of the inestimable charges of the Crowne of this Realme, whiche dayly since the tyme of the makyng of the sayde fyrst acte, haue encreased and growen more and more. Whiche thyng although the sayde late Queene mought and dyd manifestly feeble & perceyue to be most true: yet she vpon certayne zealous and inconuenient respectes, not sufficiently, nor politiquely yenough waying that matter, nor hauing due consideration and regarde to the mayntenaunce, vpholdyng, and good continuance of the state of the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme in succession, whiche rather needed an augmentation, then any diminution, procured and wylled an acte of Parliament to be made and prouided in the seconde and thirde yeeres of the raigne of kyng Philip her late husbände, and her, that al paymentes of the sayde first frutes, shoulde from thencefoorth cease and be clearly extinct and determined for ever: and that aswel al the sayde benefices and spiritual promotions, as the possessours, owners, and incumbentes thereof, and their successours, shoulde from and after the .viii. day of August, in the sayde second and third yeeres, and so from thencefoorth at al tymes for ever, be clearly exonerate, acquitted, & discharged, agaynst the sayde late kyng Philip & Queene Marie, her heyres, and successours, of and from the payment and paymentes of al and euery the sayde fyrst frutes, in as ample and large maner and fourme, as they were before the makyng of the sayde acte, of the first and original graunt thereof, in the sayde .xxvi. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng your noble father, and as though the same had neuer beene had ne made. And further, that neyther the sayde perpetuall pension, annal rent, or tenth, graunted by the sayde fyrste acte of the .xxvi. yeere of the sayde noble kyng Henry: nor also the sayde seuerall annal rentes, or tenthes, reserued nomine decime, by and vpon the sayde

seuerall letters patentes, of the sayde late Kyng and Queene, made to spiritual persons and corporations as is aforesayde, or any of them, from and after the feast of . S. Michael Tharchangel then last past, shoulde any more be payde or payable vnto the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, her heyres, or successours, but that aswell all the sayde Archbyshoppriches, Byshoppriches, and other benefices, dignities, Deanes and Chapters, Colledges, Corporations, and Spiritual promotions aforesayde, as also the possessours, owners, proprietaries, and incumbentes of the same and theyr successours, from and after the sayde feast of . S. Michael Tharchangel, shoulde be clearelye exonerate, acquitted and discharged of and from the payment thereof, agaynst them, and the heyres & successours of the same late Queene for euer. And furthermore, that the sayde late kyng Philip, & Queene Marie, her heyres, or successours, from and after the sayde feast of . S. Michael Tharchangel, shoulde not receyue, perceyue, take, and enioy any the issues, reuenues, profites, or commodities of the sayde Rectories, Personages, benefices, glebe landes, Tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall aforesayde, or of any of them, or of the reuertion or reuertions of them, or any of them: but in and by the sayde acte, the same late kyng and Queene, clearely gaue ouer, renounced, and relinquished, aswel the sayde Rectories, Personages, benefices, glebe lande, Tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spiritual aforesayde, and euerye of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and euerye of them, and al theyr ryght, tytle, vse, interest, and demaunde of, in, or to the same, from them, and the heyres, and successours of the sayde late Queene for euer, as also the sayde perpetuall pention, annal rent, and tenth, and also the sayde yeerely rentes, reserued nomine decime, vpon the sayde seuerall letters patentes, and all theyr ryght, tytle, and interest, whiche they or eyther of them, or the heyres or successours of the sayde late Queene, had or mought haue had, in or to the same. The same yeerely pention, tenthes, yeerely rentes, parsonages, emolumentes, and profites, to be perceyued, taken, receyued, counted, employed, vsed, and disposed by the late reuerende father in God Reginald Poole, late Cardin al and Legate, and suche other persons as he shoulde name and appoynt, and such other as been specially limitted in the sayde acte, to and for certayne vses, purposes, and intentes mentioned in the same acte, with diuers prouisions, and a Saving in the same expessed and conteyned, as by the same more at large appeareth. We your sayde humble and obedient subiectes, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this your present Parliament assembled, calling to our remembraunce the huge, innumerable,

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innumerable, and inestimable charges of the royal estate, and imperial Crowne of this realme, and how the same is left vnto your Maestie, at this your first entrie thereunto, greatly diminished, aswell by reason of the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeere of the raigne of the sayde kyng Philip and Queene Marie, as otherwise, doo conceyue at the bottome of our hartes great sorowe and heauinesse, as subiectes carefull for theyr naturall and liege Soueraigne Lady, vppon whom dependeth the suertie, worldly ioye, and wealth of vs al: and beyng no lesse affected towarde your Maesties most royall person, and the preservation and mayntenaunce of the same, & of the estate and succession of your Maesties sayde Crowne, then were the fyrst grauntours of the sayde fyrst frutes, and tenthes towarde your highnesse most noble father, and his sayde royal estate, at the tyme of theyr sayde graunt to hym thereof made, do account of very right and good congruence no lesse then our most bounden dutie to moue your hyghnesse, and therewith most humbly to beseeche the same: that the great disherison and decay committed and done to the Crowne and estate royall of this your Realme, and the succession thereof by reason of the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raigne of the sayde kyng Philip and Queene Marie, may at this Parliament be reformed and auoyded, & that with your hyghnesse fauour and royall assent it may be enacted, ordeyned, established, and prouided by aucthoritie of this Parliament, in maner and fourme hereafter ensuyng: That is to say, that the sayde act made in the seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and all articles, clauses, and sentences therein conteyned, shalbe from and after the fyrst day of this present Parliament, vtterly & clearly repealed, made voyde, and of no force ne effect: and al aucthorities and liberties, graunted, limited, and appointed in & by the sayde act to the sayde late Cardinal Poole, or made or derpyued by force, strength, or colour of the same acte, by or from the sayde late Cardinal, to any other person or persons, bodyes politike or corporate, to cease and be vtterly voyde and determined: and that the sayde first frutes, and al paymentes thereof, from and after the sayde fyrst day of this Parliament, shalbe reuiued, and haue their beyng and continuauice agayne, and be deemed and adiudged to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, in the Queenes highnes most royall person, her heyres, and successours, and vnited and annexed to the imperiall crowne of this Realme, of and in such lyke, and the same estate, interest, title, quantitie, sort, degree, and condition, and in as ample and beneficial maner and fourme, as the same was or were in the person or possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayde eighth day of August, in the sayd act of extinguishment mentioned and expressed:

expressed: the same acte of extinguishment, or any letters patentees, or any other matter or thyng had, done, or suffered by the sayde late Queene, to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding. And also that as well so muche of the sayde perpetuall and annall tenth, and pention, graunted by the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxvi. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, as also so muche of the sayde yeerely rentes reserued vppon the sayde seuerall letters patentees nomine decime, and also so many of the sayde rectoryes, personages, and benefices, impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes Ecclesiasticall and Spirituall aforesayde, and the reuertion and reuertions thereof: and all rentes, emolumentes, and profites incident to the same, as were in the handes and possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayde eyght day of August, shall from the sayde feast of Saint Michael Tharchangel last past, be vested, adiudged, and deemed, actually and really in the lease and possession of our said Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, her heyres, and successours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, of and in suche lyke and the same estate, interest, order, degree, qualitie, sort, and condition, and as fully, wholly, largely, and beneficially, as the same were in the lease and possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the same eyght day of August. And that as well the sayde first frutes and tenthes, and the order thereof, as also the sayde annall rentes reserued nomine decime, and the sayde rectories, personages, benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spiritual aforesayd, and euery of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and of al rentes and profites vnto the same, or any of them, incident or belonging, shalbe within the sayde order, suruey, rule, and gouernaunce of the sayd courte of Erchequer, in euery degree, sort, or condition, as they were (at and) before the sayde eyght day of August: the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeeres, or any other matter or thyng to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding. And that so much of al and euery the sayde actes and statutes first recited, or of any other acte or statute, touchyng or concernyng the order, leuyng, true aunswearyng, and payment, or qualification of the sayde fyfte frutes and tenthes, and of the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, and of the rentes, reuenues, emolumentes, and profites thereof, and of al other the premisses, and also the charge, discharge, or alteration of them, or any of them, or any matter or thyng in any wyse soundyng or tending thereunto, whiche were standyng, and beyng in force, effect, and vnrepealed at and before the sayde eyght day of August (except onely the sayde actes of the erections of the courtes

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courtes of augmentations and first frutes and tenthes) shalbe, remaine, and continue in theyr full and perfect strengthes and forces, and be obserued and put in due execution, accordyng to the tenours and purpotes of the same, & euery of them. And that the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, shal from the sayde first day of this present Parliament, haue, holde, possede, and enioy for euer, the aduousons, gyftes, and patronages of al vicarages belongyng to or incident to any of the sayd rectories, and personages impropriate, in the same sort, qualitie, condition, and degree, to al intentes and purposes, as the same were in the person and possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayde eyght day of August: any thyng or acte donne by the same late Cardinall, or any graunt or grauntes by letters patentes made by the sayde late Queene Marie, of the sayde aduousons and patronages, or any of them, to any ecclesiastical or spirituall person or persons, or any spirituall corporation, to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Sauing to all and euery person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, and theyr heyres, executors, successours, and assignes, and euery of them, other then suche persons as be mentioned and named in any letters patentes, made by the sayde Queene Marie, the sayde. viii. day of August, or at any tyme sithen, or claymyng onely by or vnder thaucthoritie and strength of the same acte or letters patentes, or any of them, al such right, title, interest, estate, offices, lessees, grauntes, annuities, pensions, fees, corrodies, rentes, and other yeerely profites and commodities, as they or any of them ought or shoulde haue had, perceyued, or enioyed, of in, or by reason of anye of the personages, rectories, or of any other the premisses, in case the sayde former acte nowe repealed, and this present acte of repeale, had neuer ben had ne made: any thing in the same actes, or eyther of them conteyned, or soundyng to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that from and after the sayde feast of Saint Michaell Tharchangell last past, and so from thencefoorth from tyme to tyme, the sayde pensions, annuities, rentes, corrodies, fees, and other yeerely paymentes, shalbe payde and payable onely by our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours, at the receipt of the Erchequer, or in suche other places, as the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, & successours shal appoynt, to al and euery person and persons, that ought to haue and enioy the same, in suche sort, order, & fourme, as the same shoulde or ought to haue ben payde and payable, in case the sayde acte nowe repealed, had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng therein, or els in this acte conteyned

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ned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that al and singular incumbentes, proprietaries, tenauntes, farmours, lessees, and occupiers of the premisses, or any part thereof, theyr heyres, executors, and assignes, whiche the sayde fyrst day of this present Parliament, were behinde, or in any arrerages of and with the rentes, farmes, tenthes, or other reuenues, profites, or dueties, by them or any of them due and payable, for or by reason of the premisses, or any of them, shal and may be by the auctoritie of this acte, seuerally chargeable, accomptable, and answerable to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, in and at the sayde court of the Exchequer, of and for the same arrerages and dueties, as other accomptantes be and shalbe in the same court: any thyng in the sayde acte, now repealed in this acte, or any other matter or cause to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And yet neuerthelesse the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, at the humble request of her sayde subiectes, of her aboundaunt grace and bountyfulnesse, is pleased and contented that it be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and singular bicarages not exceeding the peereley value of ten poundes, after the rate and value bypon the recordes and bookes of the rates and values for the first frutes and tenthes, now remaynyng in the Exchequer, or that shal hereafter come and remayne in the same courte, and also all and singular parsonages, not exceeding the peereley value of tenne markes, after the lyke rate and valuation, and the Incumbentes thereof, and euery of them, theyr executors, administratours, successours, and sureties, and euery of them, from the sayde feast of Saint Michael Charchangel last past, shalbe free and clearly discharged, and acquitted for euer, agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, of and from the sayde fyrst frutes: any thing in the sayde acte of fyrste frutes and tenthes made in the sayde .xxvi. peere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or in this acte of repeale, or any other acte or actes befoze recited to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any incumbent of any suche promotions spirituall, as is aforesayde, charged or chargeable to the payment of the sayde fyrst frutes, happē to liue to thende of one halfe peere next after the last auoydance of the same promotion spirituall, so as he hath receyued, or without fraud or couine, might lawfully haue receyued or enioyed the rentes or profites of that halfe peere, & befoze the ende of the other halfe peere then next folowynge, shal happen to dye, or to be lawfully evicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion spirituall, by iudgement

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ment in any action of the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then every suche Incumbent, his heyres, executors, administrators and suerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with the fourth parte of the fyyst frutes due to be payde for suche his promotion, and with no more of the sayde fyyst frutes: any thing in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wytyng to be made for the payment of the sayde fyyst frutes, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstanding. And yf it shal happen any suche Incumbent to lyue by the space of one whole yeere next after the last aduoydaunce of the same promotion Spirituall, and after before the ende of one halfe yeere then next folowynge, shal fortune to dye, or to be lawfully euicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion Spirituall, by iudgement in any action at the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then every suche Incumbent, his heyres, executors, administrators, and suerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with the moytie and one halfe of the fyyst frutes due to be payde, for suche his promotion Spirituall, and with no more of the same fyyst frutes: any thing in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wytyng obligatorie to be made for the payment of the same fyyst frutes, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstanding. And yf it shal happen any such Incumbent to lyue to the ende of one whole yeere and a halfe, next after the last auoydaunce of suche promotion Spirituall, and after and before the ende of sixe monethes then next folowynge shal fortune to dye, or to be lawfully euicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion Spirituall, by iudgement in any action at the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then every suche Incumbent, his heyres, executors, administrators, and suerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with thre partes of the fyyst frutes of the same promotion Spirituall, in foure partes to be deuided, and with no more: any thing in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wytyng obligatorie had or made for the payment of the sayd fyyst frutes, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstanding. And yf it shal happen any suche Incumbent to lyue to the ende of two whole peeres, next after the last auoydaunce of the same his promotion Spirituall, and not to be lawfully euicted, remoued, or put from the same promotion Spirituall as is aforesayde, that then every suche Incumbent, his heyres, executors, administrators, and suerties, shal content and pay to our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, her heyres, and successours, the whole fyyst frutes due to be payde for the same promotion Spirituall, accordyng to the estatutes aforesayde.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that all grauntes, immunities, and liberties, geuen to the vniuersities of Cambridge, and Oxforde,

Oxforde, or to any Colledge or Hall in eyther of the sayde vniuersities, and to the Colledges of Eaton and Winchester, and vnto euery or any of them, by our late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Henry the eyght, or any other of the Queenes hyghnesse progenitoꝝ or predecessoꝝ, or by acte of Parliament, for or touchyng the release or discharge of the sayde fyrst frutes and tenthes, or any parte thereof, shalbe alwayes and remaine in theyr ful strength and vertue: and that al suche lawfull conueyaunces and assuraunces in the lawe, as were had or made before the makyng of this acte, to eyther of the sayde vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or to any Colledge or Hall within any of them, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporated or named, of any of the sayde personages, or benefices impropꝛiate, or of any parte of the same, or of any patronages, for the mayntenaunce of studentes, or learnyng, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as though this acte hadde neuer beene made.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Deane and Canons of the freechappell of. S. George the Martyr, within the Castle of Windsor, and al the possessions and hereditamentes of the same freechappel, Deany, and Canons, by whatsoeuer name or names they be incorporated or knowen, shal be exonerated, and shal stand for euer discharged of the tenthes and fyrst frutes before mentioned: any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or statute before mentioned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted, that all leasses made before the twentie day of December last past, for. xxi. yeeres, or thre lyues at the most, by any person or persons, bodies polytike or corporate, beyng lawfully sealed of, or in any of the sayde personages impropꝛiate, or of, or in any other the premises woont commonly to be let, or set to ferme, then being out of leasse, or whereof there was not at the time of the makyng of the sayde leasse or leasses, any former leasse to endure aboue one yeere then to come at the most, and bypon whiche newe leasse or leasses, the olde yeerely rent accustomedly woont to be payde for the same, by the space of. xx. yeeres last before the makyng of suche leasse or leasses, or moze yeerely rent is reserued and payable during the sayde terme, and al other lawfull grauntes, by them or any of them heretofore made of any office or offyces, in olde tyme woont commonly to be graunted: and al gyftes and grauntes of any personage or personages impropꝛiate, heretofore belongyng to the Archdeaconrie of Welles, in the Countie of Somerset, or to the incumbent of the same office or dignitie, or to the incumbent of the same lately geuen and restored, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, as though

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though this acte or any thing therein conteyned had not beene had or made.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Archdeaconry, and al Rectories and spirituall promotions, geuen, assigned, limited, or appoynted to the same, and all and euery Incumbentes and Incumbent, whiche hereafter shal be presented, collated, preferred, and admitted vnto the sayde Archdeaconry, and the Rectories and spirituall promotions thereunto limited and appoynted, or apparteynyng and belongyng, shal stande, remaine, and be charged and chargeable with the payment of the fyist frutes and tenthes for the same, to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and successours, in suche lyke manner and fourme as other spirituall promotions, and the Incumbentes of the same, be and shalbe charged and chargeable by this acte, or by any other acte or statute before specified.

Provided alwayes and be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that so many of the sayde Rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites, and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall, and euery of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and all rentes and profites vnto the same or any of them incident or belongyng, as were at and before the sayde eyght day of August in the handes or possessions of the sayde late Queene Marie, and within the suruey, rule, and order of the court of the Duchie of Lancaster, shal be agayne within the order, suruey, rule, and gouernement of the sayde court, in suche and the same maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as they were at and before the sayde eyght day of August, in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raigne of the sayd late kyng and Queene: any thing in this acte, or in the sayde acte of the same late kyng and Queene to the contrary thereof, in any wyle notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this Parliament, that no person or persons, presented, instituted, or inducted at any time sithence the fyist day of this present Parliament, or that shal be presented, instituted, or inducted on this syde the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, to any the sayde spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, chargeable to or with the payment of the fyist frutes or one yeeres profites of suche promotion, shal incurre anye penaltie or forfayture, by entryng into anye of the sayde Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall promotions, or by takyng the profites thereof, for the none payment or not compoundyng of or for the fyist frutes thereof, so that he or any other for hym, shal or doo compounde for the same fyiste frutes, accordyng to the true meanyng

meanynge of the statute, before the sayde feast of the Nativitie of S. John Baptist: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to charge any hospital founded and bled, and the possessions thereof employed to and for the releefe of poore people, or any Schoole or Scooles, or the possessions or revenues of them, or any of them, with the payment of any tenthes or first frutes: any thyng in this acte before mentioned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte whereby certayne offences be made

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WHERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster the.xii.day of November, in the seconde yeere of the raigne of the late Queene Marie, sister vnto our most gracious Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie that now is, there was one acte or statute made for the better suretie and preservation of the sayde late Queene, entituled, An act whereby certayne offences be made treasons, as by the same acte more at large doth appeare. And for as muche as the very woordes and sentences of the sayd estatute, doo extend no further but vnto the sayd late Queene Marie, and the heyres of her body: Therefore yf any suche lyke offences as be mentioned and conteyned within the sayde statute, shoulde hereafter happen to be committed agaynst our sayde Soueraigne Lady that now is, there were no due remedie, or condigne punishment provided for the same.

In consideration whereof, and to thintent that the malice of wicked and euill dooers may the better be restrayned by the extendynge of the effect and benefite of the matters conteyned in the sayde estatute, to our most deare Soueraigne Lady that now is, and for the more suretie and preservation of her highnesse royal estate, be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons, after the fyrst day of May next to come, doo maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, compasse or imagine to depriue the Queenes Maiestie that now is, or the heyres of her body to be begotten, beyng Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, from the style, honour, & kyngly name of the Imperial crowne of this Realme, or from any other the

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Realmes and dominions vnder our sayde Soueraigne Ladye appar-
teynyng and belongyng, or to destroye the Queenes Maiestie that
nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, beyng kynges or Queenes of
this Realme, or to leuie warre within this Realme, or within any
the marches or dominions to þ same belongyng, against the Queenes
Maiestie that nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, beyng kynges or
Queenes of this Realme, or to depose the Queenes Maiestie that
nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, being kynges or Queenes of
this Realme, from the imperiall Crowne of the Realmes and Domi-
nions aforesayde, and the same compasses, or imaginations, or any of
them, maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, shall or do vtter by open prea-
chyng, expresse wordes or sayynges: or yf any person or persons, after
the sayde fyrst day of May next commyng, shall maliciously, aduisedly,
and directly say, publyshe, declare, maynteyne, or holde opinion, that
the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, is not, or ought
not to be Queene of this Realme, or after her death, that the heyres of
her hyghnesse body, being kynges or Queenes of this Realme, of right
ought not to be kynges or Queenes of this Realme, or that any other
person or persons, other then the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, du-
ryng her lyfe, ought to be kyng or Queene of this Realme, or any
other the Realmes or Dominions aforesayde, or after her death, other
then the heyres of her body, being kynges or Queenes of this Realme,
as long as any of her sayd heyres of her body begotten shalbe in lyfe, of
right ought to haue and enioy the imperiall Crowne of this Realme.
or any the Realmes & Dominions aforesayd: that then every such of-
fendour, being thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of
this Realme, their abbettours, procurours, and counsaylours, and all
and every theyr comforters, knowing the sayd offences, or any of them,
to be done, and being thereof duely conuicted or attaynted, as is aboue-
sayde, for his or their such offence, shal forfeyte and lose to the Queenes
highnesse, her heyres and successours, all his and their goodes & cattels,
and the whole issues and profites of his and their landes, tenementes,
and hereditamentes, for tearme of the lyfe of euery such offendour or
offendours, and also shall haue and suffer duryng his and their lyues
perpetuall imprisonment.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie a-
foresayde, that all and every Ecclesiasticall person, beyng conuicted or
attaynted in fourme aforesayde, for every suche his offence, shall imme-
diatly and presently vpon such attaynder had, be iudged and remayne
in the lawe to all intentes, depriued from all his benefices and promo-
tions Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall, in suche maner and fourme, that
it shalbe lawfull for every patrone, founder, or geuer thereof, to pre-
sent immediatly after suche attaynder had, some one or other to the
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same, as though the sayd offendour or offendours were deceased.

And yf any person or persons, being hereafter conuicted or attainted of any the sayd offences, in fourme aforesayd committed, shal after his or their conuiction or attaindour either commit or perpetrate any of the sayd offences in fourme aforesayd, that then euery such seconde offence or offences, shalbe deemed and adiudged high treason, & the offendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counsaylours, & all and euery their aydours and comforters, knowyng the sayd offences, or any of them to be done, being therof conuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & statutes of this Realme, shalbe iudged & deemed high traytours, & shall suffer paynes of death, and lose & forseyte all their goodes, cattels, landes, & tenementes, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this Realme at this day of ryght ought to be lost and forseyted.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayde fyrst day of May next to come by any wytyng, pryncing, ouert deede, or act, malitiously, aduisedly, and directly, do affirme, that the Queenes Maiestie that now is, ought not to haue and enioy the stile, honour, and kingly name of this Realme: or that any person or persons, other then the Queenes Maiestie that now is, ought to haue & enioy the stile, honour, and kingly name of this Realme: or that the Queenes Maiestie that now is, during her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be Queene of this Realme: or after her death, that the heyres of her hyghnesse body beyng Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, of ryght ought not to haue & enioy the imperial Crowne of this Realme: or that any person or persons, other then the Queenes Maiestie that now is, during her lyfe, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, beyng Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, as long as any of her sayd heyres of her body shalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial Crowne of this Realme: that then euery such offence & offences, shalbe adiudged hygh treason, and the offendour and offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counsaylours, and al and euery theyr aydours and comforters, knowyng the sayd offences or any of them to be done, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this Realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged high traytours, and shall suffer paynes of death, and lose and forseyte all their goodes and cattelles, landes and tenementes, to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, as in cases of high treason by the lawes of this Realme, at this day of ryght ought to be lost and forseyted.

Sauing to euery person and persons, bodies politique & corporate, theyr heyres, and successours (other then the offendours and theyr heyres, and such person and persons, as clayme to any of theyr bles)

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al such rightes, titles, interestes, possessions, leasles, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profites, which they or any of them shall haue at the day of the committynge such treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as yf this acte had neuer been had or made.

Provided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that concealement, or keeping secrete of any hygh treasons, be deemed and taken onely misprision of treason, and the offendours therein to forfeite and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore been vled: any thyng above mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that if it shall fortune hereafter any of the peeres of this Realme, to be indited of any the offences made treason, or misprision of treason by this acte, that then the same peeres or peere so being indited, shall be put to answer to euery such inditement before the high Steward of England for the time being, and to haue his & their tryall of al his and their peeres, and to receiue and haue such like iudgement vpon the same tryall of his or their peeres, or make open confession of the same offence or offences, as is vled in other cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, shall in any wise be impeached for any of the offences abovesayd committed, onely by open preachyng or wordes, vnlesse the offendour or offendours be thereof indited within sixe monethes next after the same open preachyng or wordes: any thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the counsaillours, procurers, comforters, and abettours mentioned in this acte, for his or their first offence, shall suffer like punishment, penaltie, and forfeiture, as is conteyned in this acte agaynst the principall offendours for theyr first offence, and none other: and that the counsaillours, procurers, comforters, & abettours, for his or their seconde offence, shall suffer like punishment, penaltie, and forfeiture, as is conteyned in this acte, agaynst the principall offendour or offendours, for theyr seconde offence, and none other.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, shall be hereafter indited or arraigned for any offence or offences made treason, or misprision of treason, by this acte, vnlesse the same offence & offences of treason & misprision of treason aforesayd, be proued by the testimonie, deposition, and oath of two lawfull and sufficient witnesses, at the time of his & their inditement, which sayd witnesses also at the time of the arraignment of the partie so indited (yf they be then lyuyng) shall be brought forth in person before the partie so arraigned face to face, and there shall answer and openly declare al they can say agaynst the sayd partie so indited, vnlesse the sayd partie so indited, shall willingly without violence confesse the same.

An acte for the explanation of the Statute of seditious wordes and rumours.

The. vi. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holden at Westmynster, the. xxi. day of Nouember, in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the raignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie (syster vnto our soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes that now is) & there continued & kept, vntyll the. xvi. day of Januarie then next ensuing, there was one acte or statute then & there made, entituled, An acte agaynst seditious wordes & rumours, which act was then made to endure to the end of the next Parliament: & after in the next Parliament holden at Westmynster the. xxi. day of October, in the second & thirde yeeres of the raignes of the sayd late King and Queene, & there continued vntyll the. ix. day of October then next folowynge, the sayd statute was then further continued vntyll the last day of the next Parliament: and after in one othre Parliament holden at Westmynster the. xx. day of January, in the fourth and fift yeeres of the raignes of the sayd late King & Queene, and there continued vntyll the. vii. day of March then next folowynge, the sayd acte and statute was then & there further continued, reuiued, and enacted, to stande and be in full force and strength, vnto the last day of the next Parliament: in which act (amongst other thynges) certayne punysshment is prouided for such persons as shoulde maliciously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and slanderous newes, rumours, or tales of the sayd late King and Queene, as by the same acte and statute more at large it doth and may appeare.

And forasmuche as the sayde acte and statute sithen the making thereof hath been proued to be a very good and necessarie lawe, for due correction and punysshment of suche lyght and euyl disposed persons, as most seditiously dyd spreade abroad very false and slanderous rumours and tales, to the great disturbaunce of the common tranquillitie of this Realme: and for that it is doubtfull whether the sayde statute, and the wordes and sentences of the same, extende any further then onely to the sayde late King and Queene, and whether the same statute geue any remedie agaynst such persons as shall maliciously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and slanderous rumours, newes, or tales, agaynst our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes that now is, or not. For remedie whereof, and for a playne declaration and explanation of the sayde former acte: be it therefore declared, ordeyned, & enacted, by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte and statute made in the sayd fyrst and seconde yeeres of the raignes

raignes of the said late King & Queene, and continued as is aforesayd, and al & euery braunche, article, wordes, sentences, clauses, prouisions, and thynges therein conteyned, shal from hencefoorth by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, be expounded, iudged, taken and deemed in al thynges, to extende to the Queenes hyghnesse that now is, as fully & largely, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as though the same acte had by expresse wordes extended to the heyres and successors of the sayd late Queene: any question, ambiguitie, or doubt, growen, risen, or made, or hereafter happenyng to growe, rise, or to be moued to the contrary, in any thyng notwithstanding. And that all and euery person and persons, which hereafter shall maliciously utter or speake any false, seditious, or slanderous newes, rumour, sayings, or tales, of the Queenes highnesse that now is, or of the heyre of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, or shall commit or doo any the offences expressed in the sayd act, against our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene that now is, or the heyres of her body, being Kinges or Queenes of this Realme, and being thereof conuicted or attaynted, according to the fourme and order in the sayd former act expressed, shall from hencefoorth incurre such paynes & penalties, and haue such and the same tryall, iudgement, and punishment for the same offences, as in the sayd act is limited and appoynted, and according to the fourme, tenour, and effect of the same acte, and none other wyse.

An acte to reuine a Statute made in the. xxiii. yeere of the
raigne of kyng Henry the. viij. touching the conueying of
Horses, Geldynges, and Mares into Scotlande.

The. vij. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament holden at London the thirde day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yeere of the raigne of the late kyng of most worthie memorie Kyng Henrie the eighth, and from thence adiourned and proroged to Westminster, and there continued by diuers prorogations, vntill the. xii. day of Januarie in the. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, amongst other thynges there was one act or statute made, whereby the sellyng, exchaungyng, or deliuerie of any Horses, Geldynges, or Mares, into Scotlande, by any Englyshe man, shoulde be felonie, which acte or statute is intituled, An acte that no Englyshe man shoulde sell, exchaunge, or deliuer, to be conueyed into Scotlande, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, without the Kinges licence, as by the same acte and statute more at large it dooth and may appeare. And although the same estatute was a very good and necessarie lawe for the maintenaunce of the strength of this Realme, and for
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the due preservation of the state of the same, yet the sayd statute by certayne actes of repeale made, as wel in the time of the late kyng Edward the first, as also in the time of the late Queene Marie, was by certayne generall wordes repealed and made voyde, by reason whereof, diuers wycked and euyl disposed persons, haue of late tyme for theyr owne priuate gayne, contieyed diuers Horses, Geldinges, and Mares, out of this Realme into Scotlande, to the great strength and boldning of the Scottissh, and much to the detriment and hinderaunce of this Realme.

Wherefore be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd acte and statute made in the sayd. xiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late king Henry the eight, and al and euery braunch, sentences, articles, wordes, matters, & clauses therein conteinied, shall from the fyrst day of May next commyng, stande, remayne, and continue in full force and strength, to al intentes and purposes, as fully and as wholly as euer the same was at any tyme heretofore: any act or statute of repeale, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte touchyng Shoemakers and Curriers.

The. viij. Chapter.



Here at a Parliament holden at Westmynster vpon prorogation the. xv. day of Apryll, in the sixt yeere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lord kyng Edward the first, brother to the Queenes Maiestie, it was enacted amongst of her thynges, agaynst regratours of tanned Leather, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, shal buye, ingrosse, or cause to be bought or ingrossed, any kynde of tanned Leather, to the intent to sell the same agayne, sauynge only Sadlers, Bydlers, Corde wayners, and al other Artificers, which shall make thereof any kynde of wares to be sold, as by the same acte more playnly at large may appeare: which act was in the Parliament holden at Westmynster the second day of Apryl, in the first yeere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lady Queene Marie, repealed, made voyde, and of none effect: and one other acte was then made, entituled, Touchyng the buyyng and currying of Leather: the repealyng of which acte, as experience hath lithence taught vs, hath brought Shooes, Bootes, Hales, Saddles, and al other kynde of wares made of tanned Leather, to great & vnreasonable prices, to the vndoyng of a great number of the Queenes Maiesties pore subiectes.

For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned, enacted, & established by the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spiritual & Temporal, and the Commons

mons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the foresayd statute made in the sixt yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Edward the sixt, and entituled, Agaynst all regratours of tanned Leather, and euery article, braunche, sentence, and clause, therein conteyned, shalbe reuiued, and stande in effect from the fyfth day of Apryll next commyng, in as full force, strength, and effect, as though the foresayde acte made the seconde day of Apryll, in the fyfth yeere of Queenes Maries raigne, touchyng the buying and currying of Leather, whereby the sayde former acte is repealed, had neuer been had or made.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd statute and acte made in the fyfth yeere of Queene Maries raigne, sister to the Queenes Maiestie, entituled, An acte touchyng the buying and currying of Leather, and euery braunche, sentence, and article, therein conteyned, shall, from the sayde fyfth day of Apryll, not stande, but be utterly repealed, and be of no force nor strength: any clause, sentence, or article therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that when and as often as any Shoemaker, or his deputie, doth bring any Leather sufficiently tanned, to any Curriour to be curried (deliuering sufficient liquoz for well dressing of the same) the same shalbe by euery such Curriour well and sufficiently curried and made redy for the Shoemaker, within the space of fiue dayes in Sommer, that is to say: from the fyfth day of March to the last day of September. And also in like maner within the space of tenne dayes in Winter, that is to say: from the fyfth day of October, vnto the last day of Februarie, bypon payne to forseyte to the partie greeued, for euery Hyde not curried and dressed in maner and fourme aforesayd, the summe of. x. s.

Provided further, that this prouiso shal not extend to bind any Curriour to dresse any Leather, which by doing his best, is not able to dresse within euery of the times aforesayd, but shal extend to al such Leather as he conueniently may dresse, after the common rate of the dressing.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, byng or occupying the feate and mystery of Shoemakers, shal from henceforth worke or make any Bootes or Shooes of Beates Leather, that shalbe mingled, made, or wrought with any other Leather, but only Beates Leather of it selfe, butelle it be in the hemmes or lining of Bootes, Shooes, or Slippers, & that they shal put in al a euery Bootes, Shooes, or Slippers, made of Beates Leather, innersoles made of adombes, whiche shalbe wel & truly tanned & curried, and also all such other Bootes, Shooes, and Slippers, as shalbe made of dry Beates Leather, or Calues Leather, not to be mingled

mingled with any other kinde of Leather (sauing in the soles) but only of it selfe, vnlesse it be in hemmes or lininges of the same: that is to say, Peates Leather of it selfe, & Calues Leather of it selfe, vppon payne of forfeiture of al such bootes, shooes, & slippers, made so to the contrary.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the one moytie of all such forfeitures afoze named, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her hyghnesse heyres: and the other moytie to hym or them that lease or fynd sue for the same penalties in any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of Recorde, by action of debt, byll, complaynt, information, or other wyse, wherein no wagen of lawe, esoygne, protection, or iniunction, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt in that behalfe.

*An acte touchyng Tanners, and the sellyng
of tanned Leather.*

The. ix. Chapter.



FOR sundry good causes and considerations, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, hauing landes, tenementes, or rentes of estate of inheritance, or for tearme of lyfe, to the cleare vberely value of .x. li. or aboue, except suche person and persons as haue any Tanhouse, and doth occupie the mysterie of tannying at this present, and except an Apprentice and other brought by and taught, or to be brought by and taught as a couenaunt seruiaunt, or hyred for that purpose by the space of foure yeeres in the mysterie or crafte of tannying of Leather, shall vse or haue profite, gayne or commoditie, of, or by the sayde mysterie or crafte of tannying of Leather, after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel next commyng, vpon payne of forfeytyng of al such Leather so to be tanned, or the iust value thereof.

Also be it further enacted, that from and after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. M. D. lx. no person or persons shall vse or exercise the seate, crafte, or mysterie of tannying of Leather, or shall by any meanes receyue any profite, gayne, or lucre by tannying of Leather, but only in a Citie, Borowgh, Towne corporate, or market Towne, where sellers shalbe vsually appointed, except he or they haue been apprentice, exercised, and brought by, as is aforesayd, in the sayde craft and mysterie, by the space of foure yeeres at the least, and also excepted the tonne or heire a wyfe of euery such Tanner, to their owne vse and vles, vpon payne of forfeiture of al the Leather so tanned contrary to this acte, or the value thereof.

And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons whatsoever, shall after the xijth day of May

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May next commynge, buye, bargayne, bespeake, or take promise of bargayne, of or for any rawe Hyde, or Calves skinne, but of or for such and the same, as shalbe present in fayre or Market then to be solde, neither shall put or cause to be put to sale any kinde of tanned Leather, read, and bñwrought in any place within this Realme, other then in open Market or fayre, in the place therfore commonly accustomed, and therfore prepared, vpon payne of forseynture for euery Hyde. iii. s. iii. d. for euery dosen of Calves skynnes. iii. s. iii. d. and the Hyde or Hydcs and Leather in any other wyse solde or bought, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no person whatsoeuer, shall or may after the feast of S. Michael Tharchangel next commynge, buye, bargayne, bespeake, or take promise of bargayne, of or for any tanned Leather bñwrought as is aforesayde, but only such person or persons as haue been, be, or shalbe brought vp in cuttyng of Leather into made wares, and doo, wyll, and shall worke and conuert the same into Leather, cut into made wares wrought, vpon payne of forseynture of the Leather so bought, bargayned, or bespoken, or the value thereof. And where as at a Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, the seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raigne of kyng Edward the first, brother to the Queenes hyghnesse, amongst other thynges in an acte, entituled, An acte for true currying of Leather, vpon diuers good considerations, it was enacted, that euery Tanner shal cut of euery Domb of euery Ore Hyde, sixe inches broade, and of euery Steere Hyde fīue inches broade, and of euery Cowe Hyde eght inches broade of assise in the narrowe place, as by the sayde acte moze at large appeareth. Whiche tyme, the greedie and vnfaciable couetousnesse of many of the Tanners haue beene suche, to defraude the sayde good and godly acte, that they wyll not cut of the Dombes of the Hydcs, nor bryng them to the Market to be solde, so that the Cordwayners can not haue Dombes to put into the inner soles of Bootes, Shooes, Sterttoppes, and Slippers, according to the tenour of the sayd statute in that case prouided: be it therfore enacted by the Queenes royall Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and tempozall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and euery person and persons, that dooth occupie, or shall hereafter occupie the tannynge or barkynge of any Ore, Steere, or Cowe Hyde or Hydcs, to be conuerted for sole Leather, for or in the name of sole Leather, now commonly called baches, shall cut or cause to be cut of euery suche Ore, Steere, or Cowe Hyde or Hydcs, that shalbe tanned or wrought for sole Leather, commonly called baches, two peeces, which is now called Dombes, of euery suche Hyde or Bache that shalbe wrought, barkite, or tanned for baches, vpon payne of forseynting of euery such Hyde or Hydcs, Bache

oz baches so tanned oz wrought, the wombes beyng not cut of. vi. s. viii. d. for every Hyde.

And be it also further enacted, by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, that euery Tanner oz Tanners, oz any other person oz persons that occupieth, oz hereafter shall occupie the mysterie of tannynge of Leather, and that shall cut of, oz cause to be cut of those two peeces aboute named, called wombes, shall begin vpon the two hinder shankes of euery such Hyde, and there cut two peeces, and so cut throughout alongst the belly to the foresankes, and there to cut of both the foresankes, and those two peeces so called wombes, to be well and truly tanned, after the manner of inner sole Leather, and to conteyne of good and dye tanned Leather, sixe inches broade of assise in the narrowest place, accordyng to the syde of the standerd in the Exchequer, when they be tanned oz put to sale, oz offered to be solde, promised, oz bargayne made, vppon payne of forfeyture of. iii. s. viii. d. for every wombe beyng cut lesse then so many inches broade of assise in the narrowest place, as abovesayd.

And be it further enacted, that euery Tanner oz other person that occupieth, oz hereafter shall occupie the mysterie of Tannynge of Leather, which after the feast of the birth of our Lorde Jesus Christe next commynge, shall put to sale, oz offer to be solde in any saye oz markets, any bache oz baches, shall byng at the selfe same tyme to the saye oz markettes, where he oz they shall put such bache oz baches to sale, for euery bache, the two forenamed peeces called wombes, there to be solde with the baches, oz otherwysse as the saye oz market shall hym best serue, so that they be solde in the open market, vppon payne of forfeyture of euery such bache oz baches so brought to be solde, oz offered to be solde, oz the value thereof, not hauyng the wombes there in the open market oz saye as is aforesayd.

Be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no person oz persons shall after the fyrst day of May next commynge, sell, oz cause to be solde any maner of Leather (clout Leather solde in smal peeces only excepted) except he oz they register, oz cause to be registred the sayde Leather, and euery part and parcell thereof, vppon payne of forfeyture of the value of the Leather so brought and not registred, and also the buyer to forfeyte the sayde Leather so bought and not registred, as is aforesayde.

And be it further enacted, that suche person oz persons as are, oz hereafter shalbe assigned oz appoynted searchers, sealer oz sealers of tanned Leather, by vertue of any acte oz statute heretofore, oz hereafter to be made, shall keepe one booke oz register, to enter all suche bargaynes as shalbe made for Leather, Hydres, oz Skinnes (clout Leather solde in smal peeces onely excepted) by any person oz persons, during
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and by all the tyme of the fayre or Market, and shal enter all such bargaynes, beyng thereunto required by the buyer or the seller, taking for his or their payne and trauayle therein to be taken, and for the registryng thereof, of the seller of euery dicker of Leather so entred one penie, for euery fise dosen of Calues skinnes, one penie, and so after the rate, and no more or greater summe or summes of money to be payde for entryng of the same, vpon payne of forfeiture, for not entryng and registryng as is aforesayd, for euery dicker of Leather. iii. s. iiii. d. for euery dosen of Calues skinnes. iii. s. iiii. d. and so after the rate. And where also one other acte, entituled, An acte for true tannynge of Leather, was made at a Parliament of y^e sayd king Edward the first, holden vpon prorogation at Westminster, the fourth day of Nouember, in the second yeere of his most gracious raighe, which acte was made to endure vnto the ende of the next Parliament then folowynge, and after the same acte was reuiued at one other Parliament holden at Westminster the fyrst day of Marche, in the. vii. yeere of the raighe of the same kyng Edward the first, to continue tyll the last day of the next Parliament then folowynge: and after the same acte was continued in the seconde and last session of our Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, holden vpon prorogation at Westminster the thirtieth day of October, in the fyrst yeere of her graces raighe, to continue tyll the last day of the next Parliament then folowynge, which beyng expired, and the same acte neuer since continued, his force and efficacie is ended. And for as much as the sayd acte is good & beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the Lords Spiritual & Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd acte made in the seconde yeere of the sayd kyng Edward the first, and all woordes, clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same (excepte these woordes, Ashe barkie, Capwort, Heale, or Culuer doing, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure, in his full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, and that no Tanner in or about the tannynge of any Leather, shall vse or exercise any other hynde of stufte, but only Ashe barkie, Oke barkie, Capwort, Heale, Lime, or Culuer doing.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the one moytie of all such forfeitures afore named, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her hyghnesse heires, or successours, and thother moytie to hym or them that lease or fyrt sue for the same penalties in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtz of Recorde, by action of debt, byl, complaynt, information, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, protection, or inuinction, shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt in that behalfe.

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*An Acte that the carying of Leather, Tallowe, or rawe
Hydes, out of the Realme for Merchaundise,
shalbe felonie.*

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Here at this present tyme tanned Leather, Hydes, and Tallowe, and all thynges thereof made, is growen and come to such high and excessiue price, as the lyke within the tyme of mans memorie hath not been seene within this Realme, by reason that diuers and sundry couetous and greedy persons nowe of late, hauing more regarde vnto theyr owne singuler lucre and gaynes, then vnto the maintenaunce and preservation of the common & publique weale of this the Realme of England, haue contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, conueyed, or caused to be conueyed out of the same, vnto the parties beyonde the Seas, there to be vttered by way of Merchaundise, such great store and plentie thereof, that the same Leather, Hydes, and Tallowe, is more plentifull, and to be had better cheape there, then heere within this Realme, to the great hurt, hinderaunce, and dammage of al the Queenes most louyng subiectes.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that no person or persones, whatsoeuer he or they be, Streunger or Denizen, from and after the fyrst day of June next commyng, shall shyppe, conuey, or abbet, procure, or cause to be shypped or conueyed, in, or to any Shyppe, Boate, or other vessel, in, or vppon the Sea, or in, or vppon other Hauen, Riuer, Creeke, or place within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, any maner of Leather tanned or bntanned, or any salt or bntanned Hydes, or any Leather called Backes, or sole Leather, or any Tallowe, to the intent to transport or cary the same into any the parties beyonde the Sea, there to be vttered, bartered, or solde by way of Merchaundise, vpon payne that euery such offendour, shalbe deemed, adiudged, and taken to be a fellone for euery such offence. And that euery person and persons, being after the sayde fyrst day of June lawfully attaynted, by the due order of the common lawe of this Realme, before suche as shall haue power and aucthoritie to heare and determine felonies by the common lawe, shall for euery suche offence suffer such paynes of death, and forfeitures of goodes and cattels, as he or they shoulde haue doone, yf he or they had been lawfully attaynted for any offence beyng felonie by the common lawe of this Realme: And

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And also shal forfeyte to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres, and successours, al his or theyr landes, tenements, & hereditamentes, during the lyfe of every suche offendour onely. And for the better execution of this lawe, and for the meetyng with the offendours therein: Be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and every offence or offences, committed or done by any person or persons, contrary to this acte, from and after the sayde firste day of June next commyng, shalbe enquired of, tryed, determined, and iudged in suche Countie of this Realme, or other the Queenes dominions, as shalbe next adioynyng to the place where any suche offence shalbe first committed: any iurisdiction, aucthoritie, or blage to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal in any wyse extend or be enterpzyted to make anye corruption of blood of anye suche offendour, or of any heyre of anye suche offendour, but that every heyre and heyres, of every suche offendour and offendoures, in anye of the cases aforesayde, & also the wyse of everye suche offendour, shal have after the death of everye suche offendour or offendours, lyke title, interest, benefite, profite, commoditie, action, and advantage, as they or any of them shoulde have had, yf anye suche offence, conviction, or attaynder had not been had ne made: saving to al & every person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of every of them, other then all and everye suche offendour and offendours, whiche shalbe convicted or attayned by anye suche offence, all suche right, title, interest, rentes, lessees, commons, profites, commodities, advantages, and hereditamentes, whatsoever they be, as they or any of them myght or ought to have had, in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pensions, services, hereditamentes, or other thynges whatsoever, or in, or to any parte or parcell thereof, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, as he or they shoulde have had, yf suche attaynder hadde never been had ne made: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not be hurtfull nor prejudiciall to any Captayne of anye Shippe in the tyme of warre, being in the retinue and service of the Queenes Maestie, or her heyres, or successours, or to anye owner or maister of anye Shippe, nor to anye other being the Queenes subject, and travayling to anye forrayne partes beyonde the sea, for the havyng, caryng, and takyng with hym or them, in tyme as well of warre as of peace, of anye Hydes, Leather, or Callowe, for theyr necessary uses about theyr shipp or shippes, so that it be not to be vntered beyonde the

seas, by any fraud or couine, by way of Merchaundise: this acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding. And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this act, or the effect and substaunce thereof, shalbe openly read, published, or declared, at euery quarter Sessions, and at euery Lete or Lawday, by the Justices that shall geue the charge at the Sessions, and by the Stewarde of the Lete or Lawday, in his charge when he keepeth the Lete or Lawday. This acte to endure from the sayde fyrst day of June, and to continue the space of five yeeres: and from thence vnto the end of the next Parliament, after the sayd five yeeres.

*An acte limiting the times for laying on lande Mar-
chaundize from beyonde the seas, and touchyng
Customes for sweete wyne.*

The xi. Chapter.



Moste humble shewyng, beseechen your hyghnesse, your Lordes, and commons in this present Parliament assembled, that where the summes of money, payde in the names of Customes, Subsidies, of wares and merchandizes transported out, and brought into this your hyghnesse Realme of Englande, by any merchant straunger, or denizen, is an auncient reuenue annexed and vnited to your imperial crowne, and hath in the tyme of hyng Edward the thirde, and other your most noble progenitours, amounted to great and notable summes of money, tyl of late yeeres many greedy and couetous persons, respectyng more theyr private gayne and commoditie, then theyr due tie and allegiaunce, or the common profite of the Realme, haue and doo daylye aswell by conueying the same there wares and Merchaundizes out of creekes and places where no customer is resident, as also by or through the negligence or corruption of the customer, searcher, or other officer, where they be resident, as by diuers other fraudulent, vndue, and subtyll practises and deuises, conuey theyr goodes and Merchaundizes, aswel brought from the partes beyonde the sea, as transported out of this your Realme of Englande, without payment, or agreeyng for the payment of the Customes and Subsidies therefore due: where by the yeerely reuenue aforesayde, is very muche enpayred and diminished, to the great losse and damage of your hyghnesse, and to the great burden and charge of your louing subiectes, who by occasion thereof haue of late yeeres ben more charged with subsidies, and payment for the supplement of the sayde losse and damage, then els we shoulde haue ben.

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That it maye therefore be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that it shall not be lawefull to or for any person or persons whatsoever, from and after the fyrste day of September next commynge, to lade, or put, or cause to be laden, or put, of, or from anye wharfe, Key, or other place on the lande, into any shyp, vessel, Crayer, Lyghter, or Bottome, any goodes, wares, or merchaundize whatsoever, (fythe taken by your highnesse subiectes, onely excepted) to be transported into any place of the parties beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, or to take by, discharge and lay on lande, or cause, or procure to be taken by, or discharged out of any Lyghter, shyppe, Crayer, vessel, or Bottome, beyng not in a leke, or wrache, and layde on lande, anye goodes, wares, or merchaundizes whatsoever (fythe taken by anye your highnesse subiectes, and salt onely excepted) to be brought from anye the parties beyonde the sea, or the Realme of Scotlande, by way of merchaundizes, but onely in the day light, that is to say, from the first of March, vntyl the last of September, betwxt the sunne ryng, and the sunne setting, and from the last of September, vntyl the first of March, betweene the houres of seuen in the mornynge, and foure at the after noone, and in, and vpon some suche open place, Keye, or wharfe, places, Keyes, or wharfes, as your highnesse, your heyres, or successours, shall on this side the sayd first day of September therefore assigne and appoynt by vertue of your highnesse commission or commissions, within your graces porte of London, Southampton, Bristowe, Westchester, Newcastle, and the suburbes of the same, and euery of them, and in some open place, Key, wharfe, places, Keyes, or wharfes, in al other Portes, Creekes, Hauens, or Rodes, (But onely excepted) where a Customer, Comptroller, and searcher, of such Portes, Hauens, Creekes, or Rodes, & euery of them, or the seruantes of any of them, haue by the space of tenne yeeres last past ben accustomedly resident, or hereafter shalbe resident, vpon payne of forfaiture of al suche goodes, wares, or merchaundizes so laden and discharged contrary to the true meaning of this acte, or the value the reof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons, after the sayde day, shal receyue or take in to any shyp, Crayer, or other vessel, any goodes, wares, or merchaundizes (except before excepted) to be transported into any place beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, by waye of merchaundize, nor shall discharge and laye on lande, out of any shyppe, Crayer, or other vessel, anye goodes, wares, or merchaundize (except before excepted) beyng brought from anye place beyonde the sea, or out of the Realme of Scotlande, by waye of merchaundize, in any other place or places, or at anye other houres or tymes,

then is before limited and appoynted, upon payne that the owner and owners, maister and maisters, or other person or persons, whiche shall take charge or guyding of any suche shyppe, Crayer, or bessel, or of the merchauntes goodes, during and for that voyage, shall forfait a lose for euery suche offence. C. pounce, of lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that no maister Shyper, or Purser, or other person or persons taking charge of the voyage, or of the merchauntes goodes, shall after the sayde day receyue or take into any Shyppe, Crayer, or other bessel, anye goodes, wares, or merchaundize (except before excepted) to be carped or transported into anye of the partes beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, before he shall haue signified to the Customer of the porte where he ladeth, a other officers there, in the open custome house, if any such be there, or els where the said officers, their deputies or seruantes, or any of them, be or shalbe vsually resident, that he entendeth to lade, and to what place he entendeth to passe, nor shall after his or their ful lading depart out of the Porte, Creeke, or streame, where he shall so lade, before he doo in like maner signifie vnto the Customer, and other officers as is aforesayde, of his lading, and what merchauntes and other persons shall haue lading with him or in his ship, crayer, bessel, or botome: & further truely do answere to suche questions as shalbe aunswered to hym or them, by the customer or other officer, concerning suche wares and merchaundizes as he shall haue laden, being examined upon his or their oth, or other wise in the open custome house, or other wise, as is aforesayde, upon payne to forfait for euery such default, not truely aduertising nor aunswaryng, as is aforesayde, a hundred pounce.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no owner, maister, purser, or other person, taking charge of any shippe, crayer, bessel, or botome, wherein any goodes, wares, or merchaundizes (except before excepted) shalbe laden and brought, from any the partes beyonde the sea, or the Realme of Scotlande, shall, after the sayde day, discharge into any lighter, or botome, and laye on lande, or procure, cause, or wyllyngly suffer to be discharged into any lyghter or botome, and to be layde on lande, out of suche ship, crayer, bessel, or botome, any goodes, wares, or merchaundize whatsoeuer, before suche owner, maister, purser, or other person or persons, taking charge of the shippe, crayer, botome, or bessel, or the merchauntes goodes, for that voyage, shall haue signified and declared to the customer, or other officer of the porte, haven or creeke, where he arrueth, the names of euery of the merchauntes, or laders, and shall haue truely aunswared to suche questions and interrogatories, touching or concerning suche goodes, wares, or merchaundize, as shalbe then laden in any suche shyppe,

Shippe, bessel, or bottome, as shalbe to hym ministred by such customer or other officer, openly in the custome house, or in suche other places as is aforesayde, upon his or theyr othe, yf neede so require, upon paine that every maister, purser, or other person or persons, taking charge of suche shippe, Crayer, or other bessel, for that voyage, shall forfait and loose for every suche default, not truly aduertising nor answering as is aforesayde, an hundredth pounde.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that from and after the sayde day, no person, denizen, ne straunger, do take upon hym to enter, or doo, or cause to be entred into the booke of any customer, or other officer or officers of any Porte or Haven within this Realme, or his or theyr deputie or deputies, seruaunt or seruantes, any maner goodes, wares, or merchaundize whatsoever, comynge or brought into your highnesse Realme, from any the partes beyonde the sea, or from the Realme of Scotland, or goyng, or to be transported out of the same your highnesse Realme, into any the partes beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, in the name or names of any other person or persons, then the very true owner or owners of the same goodes, wares, or merchaundizes, beyng not solde, bargayned, or contracted for, to or with any person or persons, before suche entre, or before the arriual of suche goodes, wares, or merchaundize, in the partes beyonde the sea, upon payne of forfeiture of the value of the goodes so entred.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any wharfinger, Cranekeeper, searcher, lyghter man, weighter, or other officer, parteynyng to the subsidie, custome, or custome house, doo at any tyme after the sayde day, consent or knowe anye offence or thyng to be committed or done contrary to the true meanyng of this acte, or anye article therein contayned, and doo not within one moneth next after knowledge thereof hadde, disclose the same to the cheefe customer or other officer of the Porte, where or within whose office or charge anye such offence shalbe committed or done, or els to the Lord Treasurer, Chauncelour, vnder Treasurer, or one of the Barons of the Exchequer: or the attourney general for the tyme beyng, shal for euerye suche concealement, or not disclosinge suche offence, as is aforesayd, forfeite & lose a hundred pound of good and lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the customer of Hull shal haue a seruaunt or deputie continually resident at the Citie of Porke, and euery other customer, comptroller, and searcher of euery Porte, shal from and after the daye aforesayde, assigned and appoynted to and in euery of the places aboue mentioned, and in al and euery Porte, Creeke, or Roade, where the seruaunt, or anye of them haue ben continually resident by the space of tenne yeeres,

or hereafter shalbe, as is aforesayde, one able and sufficient deputie, or seruaunt, at the least, and that aswell all and euery of the customers, comptrollers, and searchers, as all and euery his or theyr deputie and deputies, seruaunt and seruauntes, shal from tyme to tyme, do his and theyr diligent attendaunce, at the houres, tymes, and places afore appoynted, aswel in the custome house, as els where, as it shalbe most expedient and conuenient, for the speedie dispatche of the merchaunt, and his goodes, wares, and merchaundize, and for the due execution of this acte, in suche thynges as to him or them shal apperteyne, without concealement or consentynge to any thyng or thynges whiche may be to the hurt or damage of your hyghnesse, your heires or successours, in the iust and wearyng of your hyghnesse due customes and subsidies, bypon payne that euery suche customer, comptroller, and searcher, shall forsayte and lose for euery offence by hym or them committed or done, his or theyr seuerall office or offices, and an hundred pounde of lawfull money of Englande: the moitie of al which forsayture shalbe to your highnesse your heires, and successours, and the other moitie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, in any your highnesse courtes, wherein no essoigne, protection, wager of lawe, or inhibition shalbe admitted and allowed.

And where of late yeres there hath been muche greater quantitie of sweete wines brought into this Realme, then in tyme past hath ben accustomed, whiche ben also brought from the same place where the wine commonly called Maluesey is brought, and is of the same nature of grape, and neuerthelesse, eyther by negligence, ignorance, or corruption of the officers, there hath not been suche custome and Subsidie receyued for the same, to the vse of your highnesse, and your progenitours, as is due, and ought of very ryght to be payde, for suche sweete wines, comynge through the strayghtes, commonly called the strayghtes of Harroche, otherwyle Mallegaye, to the great losse and hynderaunce of your hyghnesse, and the burden of vs your louing subiectes.

For the auoyding of al ambiguities and doubtles, and to the intent the officers may more certeynely knowe what they ought to receyue for suche kynde and nature of merchaundize: be it enacted and declared by this present acte, and by the auctoritie aforesayde, that lyke custome and subsidie is of very ryght to be payde, and shall from henceforth be payde, for suche sweete wyne as is aforesayde, as is and hath benne accustomed to be payde for Maluesey: anye negligence, none payment, vse, or custome to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding. Sauing to all and euery Lorde Marcher, and other person and persons whatsoeuer, body politique and corporate, all and euery suche ryght, title, and interest, as they or any of them haue, and

of right ought to haue, in the payment or hauing of any franchise, libertie, custome, and subsidie, or any of them: any thing in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to shyp, lade, and transport into the portes beyonde the sea, al manner of corne and grayne, out of the Counties of Northfolke and Suffolke, and eyther of them, at suche places as heretofore hath ben accustomed, and betweene the houres in this acte appoynted, when the same corne and grayne shall not excede the seuerall prises mentioned in the statute made in the fyfth and sixth yeeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixt, entituled, An acte agaynst regrators, forestallers, and engrossers, the customes and subsidies thereof due, beyng well and truly payde: any thing in this acte, or any other acte or statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, be not prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Isle of Anglesey, the shyres of Carnarvon, and Flint, in Northwales: but that the inhabitauntes thereof, and euery of them, may receyue, lade, and discharge, accordyng to theyr old auncient vles, customes, or liberties graunted to them, or ny of their predecessors, by the late kyng of famous memoire king Henry the eyght, or any other his progenitors: so that they, and euery of them, pay the customes and subsidies that shalbe due, and discharge, and lode within the tynes and houres before mentioned: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte agaynst the deceitfull vsyng of

lynnen Cloth.

The.xiiij. Chapter.



Here certayne euill disposed and deceitfull persons, vsyng to bye and ingrosse into their handes greatesore of linnen Cloth, do vse to cast the peeces of cloth ouer a beame or peece of tymber, made for theyr purpose, and doo by sundrye deuises rache, stretch, and drawe the same both of length and breadth, and that done, do then with batteldoores, peeces of timber and wood, and other thinges, soze beate the same, euer casting therupon certayne deceitfull liquors, mingled with chalke, and other lyke thinges, wherby the sayd cloth is not onely made to seeme muche finer and thicker to the eye then it is in deede, but also the threedes thereof be so loosed and made weake, that after .iii. or .iiii. washinges, it wyl scarcely holde togeather, to the great disceipt, hinderaunce, and losse of the subiectes of this Realme: be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that

that yf any person or persons, shall hereafter wyllyngly vse, or cause to be vsed the aforesayde deceytes, or any other acte or actes, meane or meanes, to, in, or with any kynde of linnen cloth; whereby the same shall be deceitful or woofse, to, & for the good vse thereof: that then the sayd cloth shall be forfayted, & the offendour therein to be punished by one monethes imprisonment at the least, and shall pay suche fine as shall be assessed, for his or their offence or offences, by the Justices, before whom he or they shall be condemned, accordyng to the tenor of this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery the Justices of Oyer and determiner. and Justices of Assises in al theyr Sessions, and al Justices of peace in euery Countie and place of this Realme, or .iii. of them at the leaste, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire, heare, & determine the offences aforesayde, in theyr sessions, by information, indictment, or bypon the traaverse of any presentment, or indictment, founde before the sayde Justices, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall at the next sessions of the peace (after the sayde sealer, to be kept within the shire or place where the sealer was made, or before two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum) make due information of the offence, and of the sealer of the sayde cloth, or els shall procure the offendours to be thereof indited, at the sayde next sessions after the sayde sealer, and shall also be bounde before the sayde Justices by recognisaunce or obligation, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, in such fourme as the sayd Justices, or any of them, shall thynke meete for the greatnesse of the matter, and to pursue the same matter with effect, and to geue euidence, as of ryght apperteyneth, and also to pay and geue the moitie of all that he or they shall so recouer and receyue, to the Sheriffe, or other accomptaunt, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours: and the one halfe of al the forfaytures and fines of and for the premisses, to be vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to hym or them that shall make information, or procure inditementes of and for the premisses, and shall followe the same with effect.

And further be it ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the Justices before whom any suche offence shall be tryed, shall certifye the same by theyr estreate into the Exchequer, at the least yere ly at Michaelmas, as they be bound to do other their estreates, & bypon that certificate, the Barons of the Exchequer to haue full power & auctoritie to make proces for so muche thereof as by this estate shall apperteyne to the Queenes Maiestie, in lyke maner & fourme as they onely do for any other fines and amerciamentes so certified before them.

Reginæ Elizabethæ.

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An acte for the shipping in English Botomes.

The. xiii. Chapter.



WHERE by diuers statutes made in the tyme of the Queenes Maiesties most noble progenitours, it hath been enacted & provided, that no person borne within the Realme of Englande, or beyng of the legiaunce of the prince of the sayde Realme, or any the dominions of the same, shoulde shyp any manner of merchaundise eyther out of the Realme, or into the same, but only in a ship or botome whereof the sayd prince, or some other of their subiectes, were owners, possessioners, proprietaries, and maisters, as the mariners of the same vessel, for the moze part, to be also their subiectes, vpon diuers paynes and penalties, as in the sayd statutes moze playnely appeareth. Since the making of which sayde statutes, other forraigne princes syndyng them selues agreed with the sayde seuerall actes, as thynkyng that the same were made to the hurt & p̄iudice of their countrey & name, haue made lyke penal lawes agaynst suche as shoulde shyp out of theyr countreys in any other vessels then of their seuerall countreys and dominions: by reason whereof there hath not onely growen great displeasure betwixt the forraigne princes and kinges of this Realme, but also the merchauntes haue ben sore greeued and endomiaged.

For reformation whereof, and for increase of continuance of amitie, be it enacted, that the seuerall actes made in the fyfth yeere of hyng Richard the seconde, the thirde Chapter, and in the fourth yeere of the late king of famous memorie king Henry the seuenth, intituled, Of wine & Cholorise oke, shalbe from hencefoorth clearly void, & of none effect. And neuerthelesse for auoydyng of great discepte practised, and now a dayes vsed by sundry subiectes borne within this Realme of Englande, and dominions of the same, whiche enter into the customers bookes wares and merchaundise of aliens borne, in theyr owne name, whereby the Queenes Maiestie is defrauded in her customs and subsidies, to the great decaye of the auncient renenues of the crowne: be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that al and every person and persons, beyng owner or owners of any goods, wares, or merchaundises, whiche after the fyrst day of January next ensuyng the session of this present Parliament, shall in tyme of peace, and when there is no restraynt made of Englyshe shippes, embarke, shyppe, lade, or discharge by way of merchaundise, anye wares, or merchaundise (Wastes, Rasse, Pitche, Tarre, and Corne onely excepted) out of, or into any Shippe, Barke, Hove, vessel, or Botome, whereof our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, or successours, or some of her or theyr subiectes of this Realme,

Realme, or the dominions of the same, be not possessioners and proprietaries, and the maisters vnder God, and the mariners of the same shipp or shippes, for the most part, be not subiectes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours, shall answere, yeelde, and pay to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, & successours, suche custome and subsidie, for such wares and merchandises, so shipped, laden, or discharged, as is aforesayd, rate, and rate like, as straungers and aliens borne out of the obeytaunce of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, doo and ought to pay for wares, and merchandises of lyke nature and kynde.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that no Hoy, or Plate, whereof any English subiect or subiectes, is, be, or shalbe owner or owners, at any time after the fyrst day of Januarie aforesayde, from any port, creeke, or place of this sayd Realme of England, or any of the dominions of the same, shal traueys or crosse the seas, in, to, or for anye of the portes beyonde the Seas, with anye wares, goodes, or merchandise, vpon payne that the sayde owner or owners shal forsayte and lose the same Hoy or Plate, with all and euery the munition, tacklynge, and other necessities parteynyng thereunto: whereof the one mottie to be to the vse and behoofe of the Queenes sayde Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other mottie to the person or persons whiche wyll sue for the same, by byll, playnt, action, or information, in any her highnesse courtes at Westmynster: in whiche case no wager of lawe, protection, or eschoigne shalbe admitted.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to the merchants, commonly called merchants adventurers, & merchants of the Staple, & euery of them, at their seuerall flectes, or shippinges of cloth, & wool, and euery of them, from & out of the Riuer of Thames, only being made, twice in one yeere at the most, to embarke, shipp, and lade any goodes, wares, or merchandise in, or to any shippe, vessel, or Bottoome, belonging or apparteynyng to any strainger or alien borne, so long and at suche tyme as there be not ships, vessels, or Bottoomes belonging to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres, or successours, or any of her subiectes, in the sayde Riuer of Thames, sufficient in number, and apte and meete for the sure and safe conueyaunce of the wares, and merchandise into the partes of Flaunders, Hollande, Zelande, or Brabant, or any of them, without paying any greater or more custome and subsidie, then Englyshe men doo, and ought to pay: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding. This acte to continue and stande in force for the space of fyue yeeres onely, next immediately folowynge this present session of Parliament, and from thence to the ende of the Parliament then next folowynge.

Provided, that forasmuche as the merchants of the Citie of Bristow,

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Bristowe, have susteyned of late great losses at the sea by the enemies, by reason of takyng of al theyr best shippes, with much substance, so that they be not of abilitie to provide sufficient shippes and vesselles of theyr owne within the tyme limited in this present acte: that they for lacke of their owne shippes, or any other vesselles of the Queenes dominions, within .xl. myles of the Citie of Bristowe, may lode and embarke theyr owne wares and merchandises in straungers Botes, without paying any other custome, then for wares and merchandises laden in Englyshe Bottones: this acte or any thyng therein contayned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte for the continuance of the making of Wollen

Cloth, in diuers Townes in the Countie of Essex.

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Whereas by a certayne acte of Parliament begunne at Westminister, the twentieth day of January, in the fourth and fyfth yeeres of the reignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued tyll the seventh day of March, in the sayde fourth and fyfth yeeres of the reignes of the sayde late kyng & Queene, amongst other thynges it was enacted, that from and after the first day of May then next followyng, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall vse or exercise the feate or mysterie of making, weavyng, or rowyng of wollen clothes, long or shorte, or karseyes, pinned whites, or plapne streightes, to the intent to put the same to sale, but onely in a market Towne where cloth hath continually ben vled to be made by the space of .x. yeeres then last past, or in a Citie, Borough, or to wne corporate, vppon payne of forfayture for every suche wollen cloth or karsey made, wouen or rowed, out of suche Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, fyue poundes.

And where also it is provided in the sayde acte, that it shalbe lawfull to any person, then vlyng or exercisynge the feate or mysterie of making, weavyng, or rowyng of Cloth or karsey, to inhabite or dwell where he then dyd dwell, and there to vse the making, weavyng, or rowyng of Cloth or karsey, as he hath heretofore: any thyng in the sayde acte, notwithstanding.

And where it is further provided by the sayde acte, that it shalbe lawfull to all and every person or persons, whiche then dyd, or after that tyme shoulde inhabite or dwell in any of the shires of Northwales, or Southwales, Cheshyre, or Lancashyre, Westmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, Byshopricke of Durham, Cornwal,

wall, Suffolke, Kent, the Towne of Goddelmine in the Countie of Surrey, or Pozthesyre, beyng not within. xii. myles of the Citie of Pozke, or in any of the Townes or villages neare adioynng to the water of Strowde, in the Countie of Glocester, where clothes hath ben vsually made by the space of twentie yeeres then last past, and hauyng ben apprentice to the occupation of cloth makynge, or bled the same by the space of seuen yeeres, to set vp, vse, and exercise the seate or mysterie of makynge, weauyng, or rowyng of wollen cloth, out of a Citie, borough, or market towne, as befoze that time they might haue done: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And forasmuche as the Townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfolde, Bedham, and Cockshall in the Countie of Essex, be sayde large Townes, and as wel planted for cloth makynge, as the sayde Towne of Goddelmine, or better, and fewe townes in this Realme better planted for that purpose, & haue ben inhabited of a long time with cloth-makiers, which haue made, and dayly do make good and true cloth, to the great common weale of the Countrey there, and nothyng preiudiciall to, or for the common wealth of this Realme: be it therfore ordained and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that it shalbe lawfull to al and euery suche person and persons, which now do inhabite or dwel, or hereafter shall dwel in the sayd townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfolde, Cockshall, and Bedham, or in any of them, now vsyng or exercysyng, or that hereafter shall vse or exercise the seate or mysterie of makynge, weauyng, or rowyng of cloth or karsey, by the space of seuen yeeres at the least, or haue ben prentice thereto by the sayde space of seuen yeeres, to inhabite and dwel in the sayde townes or villages of Bocking, Westbarfolde, Cockshall, and Bedham, and in euery or any of them, and to vse the makynge, weauyng, or rowyng of Cloth or karsey, as befoze this tyme they might haue done, yf the sayde act had neuer ben made: any thing in the sayd acte to the contrary thereof made, or any other acte, statute, or lawe heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary hereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An acte that tymber shal not be felled to

make coales for the burnyng of iron.

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HOR the auoydyng of destruction and wastynge of tymber, be it enacted by our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons hereafter shal conuert or imploy, or cause to be conuerted or imployed to

to coale or other fuel, for the making of Iron, any Timber tree, or Timber trees, or Oke, Beeche, or Ashe, or of any part thereof, of the breadth of one foote square at the stub, and growyng within. xlii. myles of the sea, or of any part of the riuer of Thames, Seuerne, Wyre, Humbre, Dee, Tine, Teese, Trent, or any other ryuer, creeke, or streame, by the which cariage is commonly bled by Boate, or other vessell, to any part of the Sea, vpon payne of forfeyture for euery such Tree, or any part thereof, so imployed or conuerted to Coale, or other fuel for the making of Iron, as is aforesayde. xl. s. of lawfull money of Englande: the one halfe of all whiche forfeytures to be to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and to her heyres, and successors, and the other moytie to him or them that wyl sue for the same, by original writ, byll, plaint, or information, wherein no essoigne, protection, injunction, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided alwayes, that this acte shall not extende to the Countie of Sussex, nor to the shire of Kent, nor to any parishes of Charlewood, Newdigate, and Liche, in the shire of the Countie of Surrey: this acte to begin and take effect from and after the feast of the Nativite of S. John Baptist next commyng, after this session of Parliament.

An acte to continue the acte made agaynst rebellious assemblies.

The. xvi. Chapter.



HERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xxiii. day of October, in the first yeere of the raigne of the late Queene Marie, sister vnto the Queenes byghnesse that now is, there was one acte and statute made agaynst vnlawful and rebellious assemblies, to indure and stande in force vnto the ende of the next Parliament then folowing, as by the same acte more playnely doth appeare. Which sayde acte and statute in the Parliament holden at Westminster the. xii. day of Nouember, in the fyrst and second yeeres of the raigne of the late King Philip and Queene Marie, amongst other thynges was then and there continued vnto the last day of the next Parliament: and after, at the next Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the. xxi. day of October, in the. ii. and. iii. yeeres of the sayde late King Philip and Queene Marie, the sayd acte and statute amongst other thynges was also further continued to stande in force, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then folowing: and also at the next Parliament holden at Westminster the. xx. day of Januarie in the. iiii. and. v. yeeres of the raignes of the sayde late King and Queene, the sayde acte and statute amongst other thynges was lyke wyse further continued to stand and remaine in force vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then folowing.

wyng, which is this present Parliament, and so the sayde acte and statute, by the actes of continuance aforesaid, doth stande in force but only vnto the last day of this present Parliament.

And forasmuch as the sayd act and statute, during al the time aforesayd, hath been prooued by experience to be a very good and beneficial lawe, and meete to be continued and kept in force, as wel for the preservation of the peace, as also for the common wealth, and quietnesse of this Realme: be it therefore enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte and statute, and euery braunch, clause, and article therein conteyned, shal stande, remayne, continue, and be in full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, for and during the natural lyfe of the Queenes most excellent Maiestie that nowe is (which almightie God long preserve and continue) and to thende of the Parliament then next folowynge: and that the sayd acte and statute, and the wordes and sentences mentioned and conteyned in the sayd acte, shall extende and to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, as fully & amply as euer the same dyd extende to the sayd late Queene Marie.

An acte for the preservation of spawne and frye of fishe.

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For the preservation hereafter of spawne, frye, and young breede of Eeles, Samons, Pikes, and of all other fysh, which heretofore hath ben much destroyed in riuers and streames, salt and freshe within this Realme, in so much that in diuers places they feede Swine & Dogges with the frye and spawne of fysh, and otherwyle (lamentable and horrible to be reported) destroy the same, to the great hinderaunce and decay of the common wealth: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, from and after the fyrst day of June next coming, with any maner of Net, Weele, Butte, Taining, Kepper, Lyme, Crele, Ratwe, Fagnet, Trolnet, Trymenet, Trimbote, Stalbote, Web-lisler, Seur, Lammet, or with any deuise or engine made of Heare, weol, Lyne, or Canuas, or shal vse any Heling net, or Trymle boate, or by any other deuise, Engine, Cawtel, wayes or meanes what so euer, heretofore made or deuised, or hereafter to be made or deuised, shal take & kyll any young broode, spawne or frye of Eeles, Samon, Pike, or Pikerel, or of any other fysh, in any fludgate, pipe, at the taile of any Myl, Weare, or in any streites, streames, brookes, riuers, salt or freshe, within this Realme of England, Wales, Barwicke, or the marches thereof, nor shall from and after the fyrst day of June next coming, by any
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of the wayes and meanes aforesayd, or otherwise, in any Riuer or place aboue specified, take and kyll any Samons, or Crowtes, not beyng in season, beyng kepper Samons, or kepper Crowtes, shedder Samons, or shedder Crowtes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, of what estate, degre, or condition he or they shalbe of, from and after the sayd fyrst day of June, by any of the meanes aforesayd, in any of the Riuers or places aboue named, shall take and kyll any Pike or Pickerell, not beyng in length. i. ynches fysh or more, nor any Samon not being in length. xvi. ynches fysh or more, nor any Crowte, not being in length. viii. ynches or more, nor any Barbell, not beyng in length. xii. ynches or more.

And to the intent þ said young frye, broode, or spawne, may be preserved accordyng to the true meanyng hereof, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no maner of person or persons, from and after the first day of June next commyng, shal fysh, or take fysh with any maner of Net, Tramel, Kep, wozze, Diuie, Crele, or by any other ingin, deuise, wayes or meanes whatsoever, in any Riuer, or other places aboue mentioned, but only with Net, or Trammel, whereof euery mesh or mashe shalbe two ynches and a halfe brode, anglyng excepted.

Þrouided neuerthelesse, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that in all such places where Smeltes, Loches, Minneys, Bulheades, Gudgions, or Eles, hath ben vsed to be taken and kylled, that in al such places, it shalbe lawfull only for the takyng of Smeltes, Loches, Minneys, Gudgions and Eles, to vse such Nets, Lepes, and other ingines, deuises, wayes, and meanes, as heretofore hath ben vsed for the taking of the same: so that suche person or persons vsing or occupyinge suche nets, or other ingines, as is last afore mentioned, do not take, kyll, or destroy any other fysh, with the sayd nettes, or ingines, contrary to the tenor and fourme aboue in this statute conteyned.

And be it further enacted, that yf any person or persons, after the aforesayd day limited in this present acte, offende in any of the poyntes before rehearsed, contrary to the tenor, fourme, and purport of any part of the same: that then euery such person and persons so offending, shall lose and forfeyte for euery tyme of his or theyr offence, the summe of. xx. s. and the fysh so taken contrary to the tenor hereof and also the vnlawful nets, ingines, deuises, and instrumentes whatsoever they be, where with or wherebye suche offence shall fortune to be made, committed or done.

And to the intent that a perfect execution may be had of this present acte, be it further ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayd, that the Lord Admirall of Englande, and the Maior of the Citie of London, for the tyme beyng, and all and euery other person and persons, bodys politique and corporate, which by graunt or other lawfull wayes or

meanes, lawfully haue, or ought to haue any conseruation or preservation of any riuers, streames, or water, or purgamentes and corrections of offences committed in any of them, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire of all the offences to be committed and done contrary to the effecte and true meaning of this acte, within his or theiꝝ suche lawful rule, gouernement, iurisdiction, and conseruacie, by the othes of. xii. men or moze, and to heare and determine al and euery the same offences, committed within his or theiꝝ suche iurisdiction, conseruacie, rule, and gouernement. And that all such paynes and forsaytures, as shall ryls or growe by the reason of anye suche conuiction for anye the offences aforesayde, shalbe to the vse of euery of the sayde person and persons, beyng no body politique or corporate, nor head of any body politique or corporate, before whom suche conuiction, as is aforesayde shall be hadde, and to the vse of euery such body politique and corporate, as heretofore haue lawfully had any fines, forsaytures, and amerciamentes, for any offence vnlawfully committed or doone, in anye suche theiꝝ iurisdiction, or conseruacies, vppon conuiction had before the head of any such body politique or corporate. And that also the Lorde of euery Leete within this Realme of Englande, and Wales, or the dominions of the same, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire of all the offences contrary to the purport, tenor, and fourme of this estatute, within the precinct of theiꝝ sayd Leete: suche enquirie to be had, in maner and fourme, and after such sort as common amerciamentes, or other thynges, inquirable in theiꝝ Court Leete, haue been lawfullye vsed and accustomed to be had and made. And that vppon euery such presentment had in any Court or Leete, by the oth of twelue men or moze, as is aforesayd, of any offence or offences, made contrary to the tenor of this estatute: that then all suche forsayture aboue in this estatute limited and appoynted for such offence, shalbe vnto the Lorde of the sayde Leete for the tyme beyng, to his owne vse for euer, and shalbe leuyed in suche maner and fourme, as amerciament for assayres committed within the precincte of suche Leete haue been vsed and accustomed to be leuyed. And yf any Leete, after the sayde first day of June, be kept within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, or the dominions thereof, and the Stewarde of the sayde Leete, for the tyme beyng, or other for hym, do not charge the Iurie sworne in suche Leete, to enquire of al the offences done within the precinct of the sayd Leete, contrary to the tenor and fourme of this estatute: that then the Stewarde of the sayd Leete, to lose and forsayte. xl. s. the one moytie of which forsaytures shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moytie to hym that wyl sue for the same. And yf any Iurie sworne in any Leete, and being charged to enquire of the offences committed within the precinct of that Leete, doo wylfully

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fully and willingly conceale and make default in presentment, or doo not present the offence and offendours: that then it shalbe lawfull to the Steward, or Bayly of the Leete, or his or their deputie for the time being, to empannell one other Jurie within the sayde Leete, and to enquire of such concealement, default, and none presentment, and that upon such concealement, default, or none presentment founde and presented, every of the sayd Jurours which so dyd conceale, make default, or not present, shall loose and forsayte for every such offence. xx. s. to the Lorde of the sayd Leete, the same to be levied in maner and fourme as is abovesayd, for the other offences limited and expessed.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if the offences aboue mentioned, touching the taking, kylling, or destroying of fische, or frys, and Spawne, be not presented at the Leete where they shalbe committed, within one yeere next after the offence committed, that the Justices of peace in their sessions, Justices of Oyer and determiner, and Justices of assise in their severall circuites, shall have full power and auctoritie to enquire thereof, and to heare and determine al the offences committed contrary to the tenor of this estatute.

Sauyng alwayes to all and every person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, and every of them, all such ryght, title, interest, clayme, priuiledge, and conseruation, and enquirie, and punishment, of, and for any the offences aforesayd, as they or any of them lawfully haue and enioy, or of ryght ought to haue and enioy, by any maner of meanes: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding. This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende vnto the fshying of the ryuer or water of Tweede, nor to any riuer or water whereof the Quenes Maiestie is aunswearred of any yeerely rent or profite, nor to the owners, fermours, and occupiers of the riuers of Tasse, or Wyke, in the Countie of Monmouth, for any fyshe hereafter to be taken in any the riuers or waters before mentioned and expessed, but that it may be lawfull at all seasonable tyme and tymes hereafter, for suche as haue or shall haue any maner of interest therein, to take and fyshe the sayde riuers and waters, in such maner and fourme, as heretofore hath been bled and accustomed, not vsyng any net or engine, to the intent willingly to take, kyll, and destroy the spawne, breede, or frys, breeding any kynde of fyshe, within the sayd severall riuers or waters: this acte or any thyng therein mentioned or conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

¶ *An acte for the continuance of certayne
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Here in the Parliament begun and holden at London the. iiii. day of November, in the. xxi. yeere of the raigne of our most dread Soueraigne Lorde of most famous memorie King Henry the eyght, & from thence adicurned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte was made for the true wyndyng of wolles, and one other acte was there made to restrayne kylling of waynelinges, Bulloches, Stires, and Heyfers, beyng vnder the age of two yecres: which sayd seuerall actes were then made to endure and continue vnto the next Parliament, as by the sayde seuerall actes more playnely appeareth. And where also in the same Parliament one other acte was made & established for attayntes to be sued for the punishment of perjurie vpon untrue berdites: whith acte last before rehearsed was then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the last day of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also in the Parliament begun & holden at Westminster the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yeere of the raigne of our sayd most dread Soueraigne Lord King Henry the eyght, & there continued and kept vntill the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned, and enacted, that all and singuler the sayd actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the next Parliament, as by the same acte, amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth. And where also in the Parliament begun & holden at Westminster the. xxviii. day of Apryll, in the. xxxi. yeere of the raigne of our sayd late most dread soueraigne lord King Henry the eight, and there continued vntill the. xxviii. day of June then next folowynge, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of the same Parliament, that al and singuler the said seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all articles, clauses, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shoulde continue and endure in their force & strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the next Parliament, as by the same acte amongst other thynges therein conteyned, more plainely appeareth. And where in the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yeere of the raigne of our sayd late Soueraigne Lord King Henrie the eyght, one acte was made for the preservation of wooddes, to endure for. vii. yecres then next folowynge, and from thence to the end of the next Parliament, as by the same act more playnely it doth and may appeare. And where also at the Parliament holden

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holden at Westminster in the. xxxvii. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late King Henry the eight, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singuler the sayde acte: aboue remembred, and euery of them (except the sayde acte made for the preservation of wooddes, as is aforesayd) shoulde continue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then next folowynge, as by the same acte amongst other thynges therein conteyned more plainly appeareth. And where also at the session of the Parliament ended at Westminster the. xiiii. day of March, in the thirde yeere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lord King Edward the sixt, one acte was made for the true currying of Leather, which acte was made to endure to the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a Parliament ended at Westminster the fyrst day of februarie, in the. iiii. yeere of the raigne of our sayd late Soueraigne Lorde King Edward the sixt, one acte was then and there made, concernynge the buying of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made touchynge the buying and sellynge of Butter and Cheese: which sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it dooth and may appeare. And where also at the session of a Parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster the. xlii. day of Januarie, in the fift yeere of the raigne of our sayd late Soueraigne Lord King Edward the sixt, one other acte was then and there made agaynst regratours and fore-stallers, to endure to the ende of the next Parliament: all and singuler which sayde actes aboue mentioned, together with the sayd acte for the preservation of wooddes, at a Parliament holden at Westminster the first day of Marche, in the. vii. yeere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lord King Edward the sixt, and there continued and dissolved the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, articles, and provisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued & continued to stand in their force and strength, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament. And where also at the session of a Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the. xliii. day of October, in the fyrst yeere of the raigne of the late Queene Marie, sister to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, al and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at sundry Parliaments, as is aforesayde, and all clauses, articles, and provisions, in them, and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stande in theyr force and strength, vnto the last day of the next Parliament.

And where also at a Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the. xii. day of Nouember, in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the
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raignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the. xvi. day of January then next ensuing, all and singuler the actes aboue remembred, that were before that tyme continued at sundry Parliamentes, as is aforesayd, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were by the aucthoritie of the sayd Parliament there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next Parliament. And where also at a Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the. xxi. day of October, in the seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raignes of the sayd late King Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the. ix. day of December then next ensuing, one acte was then and there made for the keepyng of Milche Kine, and for the breeding and rearyng of Calues, and one other acte for the reedifying of decayed houses of Husbandry, and for the encrease of Tyllage, the sayd two seuerall actes to endure tyll the last day of the next Parliament, as by the same more at large doth appeare.

And forasmuche as all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the Common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, & established by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions, in them and euery of them conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and endure in their full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyl the last day of the next Parliament. And where in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the. xxi. day of October, in the seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raignes of the sayde late King Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyll the. ix. day of September then next ensuing, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the reliefe of the poore, and to endure to the latter ende of the fyrt session of the next Parliament. Forasmuche as the sayd acte is good and beneficiall to the Common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established, by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde acte last aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same conteyned, shalbe reuiued, continued, stande, and indure, in full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament.

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¶ An acte of a Subsidie of Tonnage and Pondage.

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In theyr most humble wyse shewen vnto your most excellent Maieste, your poore and obedient Subiectes & Commons in this your present Parliament assembled, that where as well your noble Graundfather, of worthy memorie, King Henry the seventh, the most victorious & myghtie Prince, King Henry the eight your most deare father, the late Prince of worthy memorie, King Edward the sixt, your most entirely beloved Brother, and our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, your most deare Syster, as other your ryght noble and famous progenitours, Kinges of this your Realme of Englande, tyme out of mynde, haue had and enioyed vnto them by aucthoritie of Parliament, for the defence of the same now your Realme, and the keepyng and sauegarde of the Seas, for the entercourse or Merchaundise, safely to come into, and to passe out of the same, certayne summes of money, named Subsidies, of all maner of goodes and Merchaundise, comyng in or goyng out of the same your Realme. And for asmuche as we your sayde poore Commons, bndoubtedly and most assuredly doo trust and haue sure confidence in your Maiesties good fauour and wyl towards vs your sayde poore Commons, in, and for the keepyng and sure defendyng of the Seas, agaynst all persons, intendyng, or that shall intende the disturbaunce of vs your sayde Commons in the entercourse and the inuadyng of this your Realme, to our molestation, inquietyng, and losse, whiche at any tyme can not be bozne without the great excesse, and intollerable costes, charges, and expences of your Maieste, whiche is not (when neede shall require in suche cases) to be lacked at any tyme. But rather we your sayde Commons, wyshyng that suche furniture of all thynges may be had in redynesse from tyme to tyme, when necessitie shall require, for the speedie indilayed prouision and helpe for the suppressyng of such inconueniences, disturbaunce, and inuasions, humbly desyre your most excellent Maiestie, benignely and fauourably to take, accept, and receiue these our poore grauntes hereafter ensuyng, as graunted of true hartes, and good wylles, whiche we beare vnto your hyghnesse, towarde your sayde great costes, charges, and expences, whiche may be expended and layde out by your Maiestie for the causes aforesayde, when neede shall require, as the first frutes of our good wylles and hartes towarde your hyghnesse, although the same doo, or hereafter shall, nothyng in effect counteruayle the same your great charges, nor yet we your sayde poore Commons able fully to gratifie your hyghnesse by any meanes: yet neuerthelesse we

we your sayd poore Commons, by the aduise and consent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, in this your present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to the intent aforesayd, geue and graunt to you our suprenie liege Lady and Soueraigne, one Subsidie called Tonnage, that is to say, of euery tunne of wine commyng, or that shall or is come into this your Realme, by way of Merchaundise, the summe of .iii. s. and so after the rate. And of euery tunne of sweete wine, as well Maluesey as other, that shall or is come into the same your Realme, by euery or any Merchaunt alien, as well by the Merchantes of Daunse, & Almaine, as by any other Merchaunt straunger, of what nation soeuer he be. .iii. s. and so after the rate ouer and aboue the .iii. s. afoze graunted. And of euery Tonne of Remysshe wine, commyng, or that shall or is come into this your Realme, by way of Merchaundise, by euery or any Merchaunt denizen, or alien, of what nation soeuer he be. .ii. d. And also one other subsidie called Pondage, that is to say, of all maner of goodes and Merchaundises, of euery Merchaunt denizen and alien, what soeuer he be, caried and to be caried out of this your sayde Realme, or brought or to be brought into the same, by way of Merchaundise, of the value of euery. .xx. s. of the same goodes and Merchaundise .ii. d. and so after the rate. And of euery. .xx. s. value of Tyne and Pewter besell, caried out of this your Realme, by any and euery Merchaunt alien. .ii. d. ouer and aboue the. .ii. d. aforesayd. Except and alwayes forepysed out of this graunt of Subsidie of Pondage, all maner of wollen cloth, made or wrought, or that shalbe made and wrought within this your Realme of Englande, and by euery or any Merchaunt denizen, and not borne alien, caried or to be caried out of this your sayd Realme: and all maner of wolles, wolffelles, and Hydes, and backes of Leather, also caried or to be caried out of this your Realme: and all wines, and all maner of freshe fishe, and bestiall, commyng, or that is or shall come into the same your Realme. And further, we your sayd poore commons, by the aduise, assent, and auctoritie aforesayd, geue and graunt vnto you our sayde liege Lady and Soueraigne, for the causes aforesayde, one other Subsidie of all maner of woll, wolffelles, and Leather, caried or to be caried out of this your Realme, in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to say, of euery Merchaunt denizen, of and for euery sacke of woll. .xxiii. s. .iiii. d. and for euery. .cc. l. wolffels. .xxiii. s. .iiii. d. and of and for euery last of Hydes & backes, of euery such Merchaunt denizen. .iii. li. .vi. s. .viii. d. And of euery Merchaunt stranger, not borne your liege man, as well those that be made denizens, as hereafter shall be made by letters Patentes, or otherwyle, as all other Merchaunt strangers, of and for euery sacke of woll. .iii. li. .vi. s. .viii. d. and of and for euery. .cc. l. wolffels. .iii. li. .vi. s. .viii. d. and also for euery last of Hydes and backes. .iii. li. .xiii. s. .iiii. d. And so of all the sayd wolles, wolffelles, Hydes,

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Hydes, and backes, and euery of them, after the rate that so is or shalbe carryed, to haue, take, enioy, and perceiue the Subsidies aforesayde, and euery of them, and euery part & parcel of them, to your highnesse, from the .xvi. day of Nouember last past, duryng your lyfe naturall.

And further, we your sayde pcoze Commons, most humbly desyre your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your hyghnesse, by the aduise and assent of the Lordes aforesayd, and by your sayd Commons, and by the aforesayd aucthoritie of this present Parliament assembled, that the giffes & grauntes aforesayd, shalbe good and effectual, accordyng to the true meanyng of the same. And that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any Wines, goodes, Merchandise, wolles, wolles, Hydes, and backes of Leather aforesayd, or other thinges afoze specified, whereof the Subsidies aforesayd, or any of them, is or shalbe hereafter due, shal at any tyme hereafter, duryng the time aforesaid, be shipped, or put into any Boate, Crayer, Shyp, or vessel, to the intent to be carryed into the parties of beyond the Seas, or els be brought from the parties of beyond the Seas, into any Port, Hauen, Creeke, or other place of this your Realme by way of Merchandise, & there layde on lande (the Subsidies aforesayde of the premisses due, or to be due, by the reason of this graunt not payde) or the collector of the same Subsidie, or his deputie, with, & by the consent, knowledge, and agreement of the Comptroller and Surueyer, or one of them at the least, not agreed with for the same in the custome house, accordyng to the true meaning and intent of these aforesayd grauntes and euery of them: that then from the sayd .xvi. day of Nouember last past, and not before, al the sayd Wines, Goodes, Merchandise, wolles, wolles, Hydes, and Backes, and other the premisses aforesayd, and euery part and parcell thereof, so shipped, or els put into any Boates, Crayer, or other vessel aforesayd, to the intent aforesaid, or brought into this Realme, and there layde on lande, as is also aforesayd, shalbe & remayne forsayte to your hyghnesse, duryng the tyme aforesayd, the one moytie or the value thereof to your hyghnesse, and the other moytie to hym or them that shall seale the same, or sue for the same. And that it may please your highnesse, that all Merchantes, as wel denizens, as straungers, comming into this your Realme, be wel and honestly entreated and demeaned, for such thinges as Subsidie by this acte is graunted for, as they were in the tyme of your sayd noble Progenitours, without oppression to them to be done, paying the Subsidies aforesayd.

And further, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any Goodes, Merchandises, wolles, wolles, or Leather, aforesayde, or any part thereof, of any Merchaut denizen, naturally borne your liege man, whiche hath or shall passe out of this your sayde Realme, after the sayde .xvi. day of Nouember last past, duryng

2 rying the tearme of this gyft and graunt, hath, or shall happen to
 be taken with enimies or Pyrates vppon the Sea, or perished by
 infortune in any Shyp or Shyppes that shall happen to be taken, or
 perished within the time of the sayd graunt, whereof the Subsidies
 aforesayd, or any of them, to your hyghnesse due, or to be due, is or shal-
 be in fourme aforesayd duely payde or agreed for, without fraude or col-
 lusion, and such losse or losses as ben before rehearsed, be found & proo-
 ued before the Treasourer of England, or the cheefe Baron of your Ex-
 chequer for the time being, by the examination of the same Merchaun-
 tes if they be alīue, or of their executours or administratours if they be
 dead, or two true credible persons swozne, or other reasonable witnesse
 and proues swozne, witnessing the same Merchaundises so to be lost
 or perished: that then the same Merchauntes denizens that were or
 shalbe owners of the aforesayd goodes, Merchaundises, Wool, wolfels,
 Hydes, or other Merchaundises aforesayd, as shalbe so perished or lost,
 yf they be on lyue, or their executours and administratours, yf they be
 dead, and euery of them, by force and vertue of this acte, when them ly-
 keth, during the sayd terme, shal or may newly shyp as much Wool, wol-
 fels, Hydes, or other goodes and Merchaundises in the same Port or
 Portes, in the which the same Wool, wolfels, Hydes, or other goodes
 and Merchaundises aforesayde so lost and perished, were or shalbe
 shypped, without any of the Subsidies aforesayd now graunted to be
 had or payde therefore to your hyghnesse in any wyse: and that all such
 profites of the premyssees so to be lost or perished, be certified into your
 Chauncerie by your sayd Treasourer or chiefe Baron, there to remaine
 of record. And after such certificate made, the Chaunceloz of England,
 the Lord Keeper of your great Seale for the tyme beyng, shall make
 and deliuer vnto the sayd Merchauntes, their executours, or admini-
 stratours, or any of them, or to theyr atturney or atturneys in that be-
 halfe, or any of them, as many and such writtes and warrauntes, to be
 directed aswell to the Collectours of the Subsidies aforesayd, or any, or
 euery of them, for the tyme beyng, as to the Tresourer and Barons of
 your Exchequer for the time being, shalbe thought requisite and neede-
 full, for the sayd Merchauntes, their executours, or administratours,
 or theyr atturney or atturneys, or any of them, or the sayd Collectours,
 or any of them, to haue for the obteynnyng aswell of the shypppyng, as of
 the allowaunce thereof.

And further, that euery Merchaunt denized that shall shyppe here-
 after any Wool, wolfels, Hydes, or any other goodes and Merchaun-
 dise in any Carricke, or Galley, shal pay to your Maiestie, during the
 tyme aforesayde, all manner of Customes, and all the Subsidies aforesayd,
 as any Alien borne out of this your Realme.

God saue the Queene.

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Fifteenes and Tenth, by the Temporaltie.



WE care whiche we doo perceyue your Maiestie hath, most noble and redoubted Soueraigne, to reduce this Realme, and the Imperiall Crowne thereof, nowe lately so sore shaken, so impouerished, so enfeebled and weakened, into the former estate, strength, and glorie, doth make vs, not onely to reioyce muche in the great bounteousnesse of almighty GOD, who hath so marueylously, and beyond all worldlie expectation preserved your Maiestie in these late difficulte and daungerous tymes: but also to studie and bende al our wittes and force of vnderstandyng, howe we may, lyke louing and obedient subiectes, folowe our head, in this so noble and so necessary an enterpryse. And consyderyng with our selues, that the decay hath ben, besydes many other thynges, especiallye in these three: spylle, wastyng of treasure, abandonyng of strength, and in diminishing of the auncient auctoritie of your Imperial Crowne.

We doo most earnestly and faythfully promise to your highnesse, that there shall lache no goodwyl, trauaile, no force on our behalfe, to the redresse of al this: but we shalbe redy, with hart, wyl, strength, body, lyues, and goodes, not onely to recouer agayne that whiche is thus diminished, but yf neede be, to recouer further, (as farre as right, and the wyl and pleasure of God shall suffer) the olde dignitie and renoune of this Realme. The tyme and place whereof doth not rest in vs, but as most reason is, in your most noble Maiestie, with the aduice of your honourable Counsell. Neuerthelesse, since it doeth so manifestly appeare to vs all, what inestimable wastyng and consumption of the treasure and auncient reuenues of this Realme hath ben of late dayes, and what great newe charges, and intollerable expences your highnesse is forced nowe to susteyne, by reason of the decay and losse of parcel of your auncient Crowne: So, beyng not ignorant, that no worthe enterpryse, no noble attempt, no not so muche as the preservation of a strong and puissaunt estate, maye be without some masse of treasure presently to be had, and redy agaynst al occurrentes.

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Therefore we your most obedient and louing subiectes, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, to shewe our wyllyng hartes, and good myndes, vpon mature consultation had, haue condescended and agreed with one voyce and most entire affections, to make your hyghnesse at this tyme a present, not such in dedde as in our affections we doo wyshe it, and as we knowe most certaynely ought to be: But yet of your accustomed clemencie whiche you doo shewe to all men, we humbly on our knees pray your highnesse not to reiect it, but to accept our good wylls and hartie desires herein, and that this our smal gyft may be by your highnesse, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same enacted.

And be it enacted, that your hyghnesse, towarde the sayde great colles and inestimable charges, shal haue by aucthoritie of this present parliament, two whole fiftenes and tenthes, to be payde, taken, and leuied of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thynges vsuall to suche fiftenes and tenthes, to be contributorie and chargeable within the shires, Cities, Borowghes, Townes, and other places of this your Maiesties realme, in maner and fourme aforesayde. Except the summe of twelue thousande poundes thereof fully to be deducted, that is to say, vi. M. poundes of eyther of the sayde whole fiftenes and tenthes, of the summe that one whole fiftene & tenth attayneth vnto, in releefe, comfort, and discharge of the pooze towne, cities, and borowghes of this your sayde realme, walled, desolate, and destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time ben had and made to euery shyre, and to be diuided in such maner and fourme as heretofore for one whole fiftene and tenth hath been had and diuided. And the sayde two whole fiftenes and tenthes (the exceptions and deductions aforesayde, thereupon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to saye, the fyrst whole fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your hyghnesse in the receipt of your hyghnesse Exchequer, before the tenth day of Nouember next comynge. And the sayde seconde fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your hyghnesse in the receypt of your Exchequer before the tenth day of Nouember, in the yeere of our Lorde God. M. D. l.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the knightes elected and returned, of, & for the shires within this realme for this present parliament, citizens of cities, & burgesles of borowghes and townes, where collectours haue ben vsed to be named & appoynted for the collection of any fiftene and tenth, before this tyme graunted, shal name and appoynt peereley before the last day of August, in eyther of the said two yeeres, sufficient & able persons for the collection of

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of the sayde fifteenes & Tenthes, in every of the sayd shires, cities, Boroughes and Townes, the said persons then having landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne right of an estate of inheritance of the yeerely value of ten poundes, or in goodes worth a hundred pounde at the least. And also suche person or persons, so by them to be named and appointed for the collection of either of the said fifteenes and Tenthes, shalbe by them severally appoynted and allotted into hundredes, rapes, wapentakes, cities, boroughes, and townes. And also the sayd persons so named and appoynted for the collection of the same fifteenes & Tenthes, shalbe charged and chargeable upon his or theyr accompt or accomptes in the Exchequer to be made, with al such summe or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shal so happen to be appoynted, amount unto, & of no more summe or summes. And upon the payment of such sums of money as he or they shal be charged with, shalbe discharged, and have his or theyr Quittance, the none accompting or none payment of any other his felowes, or the insufficiencie of the or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of every the sayde collectors, for the sayd fifteenes and Tenthes, during eyther of the said two yeres, together with the place allotted to theyr collection and charge, the sayd knightes, citizens, and burgeses, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, whereunto they be elected, named, and returned, shal certifie before the Queene in her Chaucerie before the xiii. day of October, in every of the same two yeres, according to the tenour of this acte. And if the default of any such certifying be had or made in fourme as is aforesayd, then the Lord Chawncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being, shall immediately after name & appoynt collectors, for the collection of eyther of the sayd fifteenes and Tenthes, in maner & fourme as the sayd knightes of the shires, citizens of cities, and Burgeses of boroughes shoulde have done, and as aforetyme have ben used. The whiche sayd collectors, and every of them, shal have lyke allowaunce upon theyr accomptes for theyr fees, wages, and rewardes, for the collection of the sayde fifteenes and Tenthes, in as large maner and fourme as anye Collector or Collectours of fifteenes and Tenthes, have hadde at anye season in tyme past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme being, shall and make from tyme to tyme awarde suche proces for the speedie payment thereof, agaynst the Collector and Collectours for the same, as by theyr discretions shall be thought convenient.

Provided alway, and be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Lord Chawncellour or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being, knightes of the shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgeses of Boroughes, Townes, and other pla-

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res hauing auctoritie by this present act, to name and nominate the sayd Collectours, of or for the sayd fiftenes and tenthes, shal bpon their nomination and election had & made, take by auctoritie of this present Parliament sufficient recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bound to the queenes maiestie in the double summe of the summes of their collection, and to be indorsed bpon such condition, that if the sayd collectour or collectours, do truly content & pay to the vse of the Queenes highnesse in her receypt of the Exchequer, before the .x. day of Nouember, in euery of the said two yerres, so muche of the summe of money allotted & appoynted to his collection, as the same collectour shal haue collected & geathered, and do lyke- wyse after the sayd .x. day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yerres, content and pay to the Queenes maiesties vse at the same receypt, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shal haue geathered & collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be boynde, or els to stande in his full strength & vertue, which recognisaunce or obligation so taken, the sayde knightes of the shire, Citizens and Burgesles, and euery of them, taking any suche recognisances or obligation, shal certifie and deliuer to the lord Treasourer, & Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same .x. day of Nouember, in euery of the said yerres, bpon payne of forfeyture of .x. pound to the queenes hyghnesse for euery recognisaunce or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche collectour bpon request to hym made, shal make & know- ledge the same recognisaunce or obligation accordyngly, bpon like paine and forfeyture of .x. pound to the queene, for his refusal thereof: and the Treasourer or Barons of the Exchequer, bpon the payment of the same collection, or at the sayde dayes, shal cancel and deliuer the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to the sayde collectour or collectours, without anye fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the great and waightie considerations afore- sayde, we the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present parliament assembled, doo by our lyke assent and auctoritie of this parliament, geue and graunt to your hyghnesse, our sayde Soueraigne Lady, the Queenes Maiestie, your heires and successours, one entire Subsidie, to be rated, tared, leuied, and payde, at two seueral paymentes, of euery person, spirituall and temporall, of what estate or degree he or they be, accordyng to the tenour of this acte in maner and fourme folowynge: that is to say, as wel of euery person borne within the realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of all and euery fraterneitie, Guild, Corporation, Mysterie, Brotherhead, and Commynaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this realme of England, Wales, or other the queenes dominions, being worth five poundes, for euery pound, as wel in coine and

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and the value of euery pound, that euery such persō, fraternitie, guild, corporation, mysterie, brotherhead, comminalltie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or theyr vse, as also plate, stocke of merchandizes, al manner of corne and blades, householde stuffe, & of al other goodes moueable, as wel within the Realme as without, and of al such summes of money as to hym or them is or shalbe owing, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr conscience surely to be payde, except and out of the premises deducted such summes of money as he or they owe, and in his or theyr consciences intendeth truely to pay, and except also the apparel of suche persons, their wiues and chyldren, belonging to theyr owne bodyes, (sauiug iewels, golde, syluer, stone, and pearle) shal pay to and for the fyfte payment of the sayde subsidie. xx. d. of euery pounce, and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde subsidie. xii. d. of euery pounce. And also euery alien & stranger borne out of the queenes obeysaunce, as wel denizen as others, inhabiting within this Realme, of euery pounce that he or they haue in coygne, and the value of euery pounce in plate, corne, grayne, merchandizes, householde stuffe, or other goodes, iewels, cattelles, moueable or immoueable, as is aforesayde, as wel within this realme as without, & of al summes of money to him or them owing, whereof he or they trust in his or theyr consciences to be payd (except & out of the same premises deducted, euery such summe or summes of money, which he or they doo owe, and in his or theyr conscience or consciences entende truely to pay) shal pay of and for euery pounce, to and for the fyfte payment of the sayde Subsidie. iii. s. iiii. d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie. ii. s. of euery pounce. And also that euery alien and stranger borne out of the Queenes dominions, beyng denizen or not denizen, not beyng contributozie to any the rates abouesayde, shal pay to and for the fyfte payment of the sayde subsidie. iiii. d. and to and for the seconde payment of the sayde subsidie other. iiii. d. for euery pol.

And the maister, or he or she with whom the same alien is or shalbe abyding at the time of the taxation or taxations thereof, to be charged with the same for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, mysterie, brotherhead, and comminalltie, corporate or not corporate, for euery pounce that euery of the same person, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, mysterie, brotherhead, and comminalltie, corporate, or not corporate, or anye other to his or theyr vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for tearme of lyfe, tearme of yeeres, by execution, wardeshippe, or by copie of Court roll, of, and in anye Honours, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, seruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other peerelye profites, of the peerely value of. xx. s. as wel within auncient demeane

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and other places privileged, or els where, and so bywardes, shall pay to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie. ii.s. viii.d. of and for every pound: and to and for the second payment of the sayde Subsidie xvi.d. of a for every pound. And every alien borne out of the queenes obeyssaunce, in suche case, to pay at the fyrste of the sayde paymentes, v.s. iiii.d. of every pound, and at the seconde payment. ii.s. viii.d. of and for every pounde. And that al summes presented and chargeable by this act cyther for goodes and debtes or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this acte conteyned, shalbe at eyther of the sayde paymentes, set and taxed after the rate and portion, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the dismes of the clergie, and yeerely wages due to servantes for theyr yeerely service, other then the Queenes servants, takyng yeerely wages of fyve poundes or above, onely executed & foreprised) And that al plate, coigne, jewels, goodes, debtes, and cattels personals, beyng in the rule and custodie of anye person and persons, to the vse of any corporation, fraternitie, gylde, mysterie, brotherhead, or any comminaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, to be sworne of every pounde in goodes and debtes, as is abovesayde. And of every pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corodies, or other yeerely profites, as is abovesayd. And the summes that are before rehearsed, set, and taxed, to be leued and taken of them that shal have such goodes in custodie, or otherwyle charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, a body corporate, by aucthoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against him or the that shal or ought to have & same, at the tyme of the payment or delivery therof, or at his otherwyle departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except & alwayes foreprised fro the charge & asselment of this subsidie, al goodes, cattels, jewels, & ornaments of churches & chappels, which have ben ordeyned and bled in churches or chappels, for the honour and service of almighty God.

And the first payment of the sayde subsidie, shalbe by the aucthoritie aforesayde, taxed, asselled, and rated accordyng to this acte, in every shyre, ryding, lath, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, towne, and every other place within this Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, before the last day of Apryl next comyng: and the second payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe by aucthoritie aforesayd, taxed, asselled, and rated, before the. xx. day of January next comyng. And the particuler summes of every shire, ridyng, borough, towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, to be taxed and set, by the commissioners to the same limittes, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hygh collectours, and in the
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same forme shalbe certified into the queenes Exchequer, before the last day of May next comming. And the particuler sums of euery Shyre, Rydyng, Borrough, Towne, & other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be taxed and set by commissioners to the same to be limited .iij. or two of them at the least, with the names of the hygh Collectours, and in the same forme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the .xx. day of februarye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D. lxx. And the sayde sums in maner & forme aforesayde, to be taxed for the first payment of the said Subsidie, shalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesayde, to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, before the .xxiiiij. day of June next comming, and the sayd sums in maner and forme aforesayd, to be taxed for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shalbe payde into the receipt aforesayd to the vse aforesayd, before the first day of March, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God. M.D. lxx. And the summe abouesayd, of & for the sayde Subsidie, shalbe taxed, set, asked, & demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied, & payd to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, & successours, in forme abouesayde, as well within the liberties, franchises, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer place exempt or not exempt, as without. Except such Shyres, places, and persons, as shalbe forepysed in & by this present acte, any graunt, charter, prescription, vse, or libertie, by reason of any letters patentes or other prouiledge, prescription, allowance of the same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vsed, or obteyned, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that euery suche person, as well suche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyssaunce, as euery other person straunger borne, Denizen or not denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessinges or taxations, or of eyther of them, to be had or made, shall be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes, or cattels, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitauntes, or the parties where suche goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other the premises, then shalbe, or in suche other place where suche person, or his factour, deputy, or atturney, shal haue his most resort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in lyke maner as yf the sayde person were, or had ben at the tyme of the sayde assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abydyng or dwellyng within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie graunted by this acte, accordyng and after the rate of suche peereley substaunce

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staunce, or value of landes and tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as every person so to be charged shal be set at, in the tyme of the sayde assessyng or taxation bypon hym to be made, and in none otherwyle.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that for that selling & orderyng of the sayd subsidie to be duely had, the lord Chauncellour of England, or the keeper of the great seale, & Lord Treasurer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties householde, the lord president of the Queenes honorable counsaile, & the Lord privie seale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chauncellor of England, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being to be one, shal and may name and appoint, of & for every Shyre, and Ryding, & other places, aswel within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the queenes dominions, & also of & for every Citie & Towne, being a Countie in it selfe, & of, and for the Isle of Wight, suche certayne number of persons of every of the same Shyres, Rydinges, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and every other place, and other the inhabitauntes of the same, to be Commissioners of and within the same, whereof they be inhabitauntes. And also of, and for the honorable householde of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shyre or other places the sayde householde shal happen then to be. And the Lorde Chauncellour, or keeper of the great Seale, and other with hym before named, in lyke maner may name and appoint of every other suche Borough and Towne corporate, as well in England as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominions, as they shal thinke requisite. vi. b. iii. iii. or. ii. of the head officers, and other sad honest inhabitauntes of every of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, & Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same, the which persons, if any such be therunto named, of the sayd inhabitauntes of the saide Boroughes & Townes corporate, not beyng Countie in them selues, shalbe ioyned and put in as commissioners, with the persons named for such Shyres & Rydinges, as the sayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, not beyng Countie in them selues, be set and haue theyr beyng, which persons so named for & of the said Boroughes, & Townes corporate, not beyng Countie, by reason of theyr dwelling in the same, shal not take bypon them, ne none of them, to put any part of theyr commission in execution for the premisses, out of the said Boroughes & Townes corporate, wherein they, beyng so named only for the same be dwelling. And also not to execute the sayd commission within the Borough or Towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such dayes & times as the said other Commissioners, for the same Shyre & Ryding shal thereunto limit & appoynt within the same Borough or Towne corporate, not being Countie corporate, wherof they so be, & not out of such Borough or Towne, & in that maner to be aiding and

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and assisting with the said other Commissioners, in & for the good executing of the effect of the sayd commission, vppon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery suche Citie, Borough, and Towne corporate, not beyng a Countie, to make suche fine, as the sayd other Commissioners in the commission of, and for the sayde Shyre, or Ryding so named, or thre of them at the least, shall by theyr discretions set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes maiestie, in lyke maner as such or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery suche person for the sayde Subsidie. The which Commissioners so named of, and for the sayde Cities, Boroughes and Townes, not being Counties, and onely put in the sayde Commission, by reason of theyr dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees and rewarde of the Commissioners, and theyr Clarke, in this acte afterwarde specified. And the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng, shall make and directe out of the Courte of Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seuerall commissions: that is to say, To euery Shyre, Ryding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and householde, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretion and other with hym afozenamed and appoynted in lyke maner and fourme as is afore rehearsed, shall be thought sufficient for the selling and leuyng of the sayde Subsidie, in al Shires and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte: whiche Commission, for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the fyrst day of Apryll next comyng. And the Commission for the second payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the fyrst day of January, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande fyue hundred fyfte and niene. And to euery of the sayd Commissions, tenne schedules, conteynyng in them the tenor of this acte shall be affiled. By whiche commission, the Commissioners in euery such commission, named according to this acte, and as many of them as shall be appoynted by the said commission, shall haue full power & auctoritie to put the effect of the same commission in execution. And that by auctoritie of this acte, after suche commissions to them directed, they may by theyr assentes and agreementes leuer them selues for the execution of theyr commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places, within the limites of theyr sayd commission, in suche fourme as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordred, and betweene them to be commoned and agreed, accordyng to the tenor and effect of the commission to them therein directed, vppon whiche leuuraunce, euery person of this present Parliament, that shall be Commissioner, shall be assigned in the Hundred where he dwelleth.

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Provided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present acte, but onely in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any person beyng assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or anye part thereof. And it is also enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners & euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limited, and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to be Commissioners in euery such Shyre, Ryding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borrough, Isle, and the sayde householde, or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for theyr part, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwyse, by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dreade, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them, to the contrarie thereof. And the sayd Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and act, shall for the taxation of the sayde fyrt payment of the sayde Subsidie, before the sixt day of Aprill next comyng: And for the taxation of the sayde seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall before the sixt day of January, whiche shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousande five hundred fiftie and niene, by vertue of the commissions, deliuered vnto them in fourme abovesaide, directe theyr seuerall or ioynt precept, vnto. biii. vii. vi. b. iiii. or. iii. or moe, as for the number of the inhabitantes shalbe requisite, of the most substantiall, discreete, and honest persons, inhabitantes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shalbe appoynted by the sayd commission, of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, as well within Liberties, fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Borroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other lyke officers, or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, wardes, Lathes, wapentakes, Parishes, & other places aforesayd, as to the sayd Commissioners, & euery number of them, or vnto thre or two of them by their discretion in diuision shal seme expedient, as by the maner & vse of the parties shalbe requisite, straightly by the same precept charging and commaunding the same inhabitantes, Constables, & other officers aforesayde, to whom such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in theyr proper persons, before the said Commissioners, or suche number of them as they shal diuide them selues, accordyng to the tenor of the said commission, at certayne dayes & places by the sayde Commissioners, or any

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any number of them as is aforesayde, within Cities, Borowghes, or Townes corꝝ orate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayde, by theyꝝ discretions shalbe limited therunto, to doo & accomplishe al that to them on the parties of the Queenes Maiestie shalbe enioyned touching this act. Commaundyng further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precept shal come, shal theꝝe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the said precept, and that none of them sayle to accomplishe the same, bpon payne of. xl.s. to be forseyted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeyned by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde daye and place prefixed and limited in the sayde precept, every of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shyre, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limited, shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners beyng present, or as many as shalbe appoynted by the queenes maiesties Commission, shal call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabitauntes and officers to whom they haue directed theyꝝ sayde preceptes, and whiche had in commaundement there to appeare by the sayde precept of the sayde Commissioners, and yf any person so warned make default, butlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawfull excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or yf any appearing refuse to be sworne in fourme folowynge, to forseyte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllynge. And so at euery time appoynted by the sayde Commissioners for the same taxation, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche persons haue appeared and certified in fourme vnder witten, and euery of them so makynge defaulte, or refusynge to be sworne, to forseyte to the queenes maiestie. xl.s. and vpon the same appareance had, one of the most substantial inhabitauntes or officers beyng warned, and appearynge before the sayde Commissioners, shalbe sworne vpon a booke openly before yꝝ commissioners in fourme folowynge.

I shall truely enquire with my felowes that shalbe charged with me, of the Hundred, wapentake, ward, Towne, or other place, of the best and most value of the subaunce of euery person dwelling and abiding within the limittes of the places that I and my felowes shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or theyꝝ most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of this Subsidie, and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touching the sayde acte, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and thereuppon as nere as it may be, or shall come to my knowledge, truely to present and certifie before you, the names, surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce, and values of euery of them, aswel of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions

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possessions and profites, as of goodes, cattels, debte, and other thinges chargeable by the sayde act, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, feare, or malice, as neare as GOD wyll geue me grace, so helpe me God and the holy contentes of this booke. And euery other person that shall appeare there by the same preceptes, from tyme to tyme, shall make lyke othe, and vppon the othe so taken, as is aforesayde, by the inhabitauntes and officers of euery Hundrede, ward, wapentake, Towne, or other place, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what manner and fourme they ought and shoulde make theyr certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof abouesayde. And of al manner of persons, as well of aliens, and Straungers, Denizens, or not Denizens, inhabityng within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyssaunce, chargeable to this acte. And of the possessions, goodes, and cattelles, of fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherheades, Mysteries, and Comminalties, and other as is abouesayde, and of persons beyng in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauing goodes or Cattelles, landes, or tenementes, within this Realme, as is aforesayde: and of all goodes, beyng in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is aforesayde, by the whiche information and shewing, the sayde persons shoulde haue suche playne knowledge of the true intent of this present acte, and of the maner of theyr certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance, and after suche othe, and the statute of the sayde Subsidie, and the manner of the sayde certificate, to be made in wytyng, conteynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeyssaunce or within, and the best value of euery person, in euery degree, as well of yeerely value, of landes, and tenementes, as of suche lyke possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and cattelles, debtes, and euery thyng to theyr certificate requisite and necessary to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there being, shall by theyr discretions appoynte and limitte vnto the sayde persons, another day and place to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and chargyng the sayde persons that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent enquirie, by al wayes and meanes of the premilles, and then, and there euery of them, vpon payne of forfaiture of fourtie shillynge to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners, in wytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in manner aforesayde, hath ben declared and shewed by the Commissioners, at whiche day and place so to them

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them prefixed, yf any of the sayde persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayd certificate, that then euery of them so offending to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllynges, except onely a reasonable excuse of his defaulte, by reason of sicknesse, or otherwyle by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed be had. And of suche as appeare redy to make certificate as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall take and receiue the same certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substaunce of euery person so certified, and yf the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examyne the sayde presenters thereof. And therevpon the sayde Commissioners, at the sayde dayes and place by their agreement amongst them selues, shall from tyme to tyme, openly there prefixe a day, at a certayne place or places, within the limittes of their commission, by theyr discretion, for theyr further proceeding to the sayde asselssyng of the same Subsidie, and therevpon at the sayde day of the sayde certificate, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, or other Officers of suche Hundredes, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, compysing and conteyning in the same precept, the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayde certificat, of whom yf the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall then haue behement suspecte to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce before sayde, then vpon suche person or persons shalbe certified, the same Commissioners shall make theyr precept or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bayliffes, or other officers, to whom suche precept shalbe directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comprised in the sayde precept, at theyr mansion, or to theyr persons (that the same persons named in suche preceptes, and euery of them, shall personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners, at the same newe prefixed day and place, there to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporall othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of theyr greatest substaunce and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernyng the premisses, or any of them, accordyng to this acte, at whiche day and place prefixed, the sayde Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe comprised in the sayde precepte, as is aforesayde, for theyr

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examination. And yf any of those persons whiche shoulde be warned, as is beforesayde, to be examined, which at any tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed day, shalbe within suche place, where he may haue knowledge of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make defaulte, and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons, before the sayde Commissioners, be truely alleaged for his discharge: that then euery of themso makyng defaulte, to be taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with and at the double summes of the rate that he shoulde or ought to haue been set at, for and after the best value of his lande or substaunce, bypon hym certified, yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng, whiche Commissioners shall trauallye with euery of the other persons so then and there appearyng, whose names shalbe expessed in the sayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any behement suspect was or shalbe had in fourme abouesayde, by all such wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporall othe, for theyr better knowledge of theyr best value, eyther in hereditamentes or possessions, eyther els in goodes or debtes.

And that euery Spirituall person, at eyther of the sayde tarations of the sayd Subsidie, shalbe rated and set accordyng to the rate abouesayde, of, and for euery pounce that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by dissent, bargayne, or purchase, in fee simple, fee tayle, tearme of lyfe, tearme of yeeres, by execution, by warde, or by copie of Court roll, in any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities, or hereditamentes, after the true, iust, and yeerely value thereof, after and accordyng as other the Queenes Maiesties Subiectes borne within this Realme, be charged in fourme aboue remembred; so that it extende to the yeerely value of xx.s. or aboue.

And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be he Commissioner or other, to any maner of value, dooth fynde hym selfe greeued with the same presentment, sellyng, or taryng, and thereupon complayne to the Commissioners, before whom he shalbe rated, sessed, or taxed, or before two of them: That then the sayde Commissioners, shall by all wayes and meanes, examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaynyng, and other his neyghbours by theyr discretion, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue specified, and of euery his goodes, cattelles, and debtes aboue mentioned, and after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the sayd Commissioners, whiche shall haue power by the aucthoritie aforesayde: the sayde Commissioners, or two of them, to whom any suche complaynt shalbe made, by theyr
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discretions, vpon the othe of the sayde person so complaynyng, may abate, defaulke, encrease, or enlarge the same assessement, accordyng as it shall appeare vnto them iust, vpon the same examination. And the same summe so abated, defaulked, encreased, or enlarged, to be estreated in fourme as hereafter ensueth. So that he come before the chieftes of the same assessyng be deliuered by the same Commissioners into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer. And yf it be proued by witnesse, his owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any such othe made, that the same person so tared and sworn, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thinges aboue specified, at the tyme of his sayd othe, then the same person so sworn, dyd declare vpon his sayd othe: That then every such person so offendyng, shall loose and forsaye to the Queenes Maiestie so much in lawfull money of Englande, as the same person so sworn was set at or tared to pay, and all persons, set, rated, and tared, as is abouesayde, shall be bounde and charghed by the same, and the summe or summes vpon hym set, to be due towarde the payment of the sayd Subsidie, and to be leuied as hereafter shall be specified.

And also it is enacted by the same authoritie; that every person to be rated at the same taration, as is aforesayde, shall be rated, tared, and set, and the summe on hym set, to be leuied at suche place where he and his familie, at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shall keepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shall be moste conuersant, abydyng, or resiaunt, or that haue his most resort, and shall be best knownen at the tyme of the sayde certificate to be made, and no where els, and that no Commissioner of this Subsidie, shall be rated or tared for his goodes or landes, but in the Shire and other place where he shall be Commissioner, and that yf any person chargeable to this acte, at the tyme of the same assessyng, happen to be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shall be knownen, then he to be set where he was last abydyng in this Realme, and within Wales, and best knownen, and after the substance and value, and other profites of every person, knownen by the examination, certificate, and other maner of wyse, as is aforesayde. The sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall after the rate aforesayde, set and tare every person accordyng to the rate of the substance and value of his landes, goodes, and other profites, whereby the greatest and most best summe, accordyng to his most substance, by reason of this acte, might or may be set or tared.

Provided alwayes that every such person, whiche shall be set or tared for payment of and to this Subsidie, for and after the yereley value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall possessions,

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or profitcs, at any of the sayde tarations, shall not be set and taxed for his goodcs and cattelles, or other moueable substance, at the same tarations. And that he that shalbe charged or taxed for the same Subsidie, for his goodcs, cattelles, and other moueables, at any of the sayde tarations, shall not be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other reall possessions and profitcs abouesayde, at the same tarations, nor that any personne be double charged for the sayde Subsidie, neyther set or taxed at severall places by reason of this acte, any thynge conteyned in this present acte, not withstanding.

And that it be ordeyned by the sayde auctoritie of this present Parliament, that no personne hauyng two manitions, or two places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe houlholde seruaut, or wytyng seruaut to the Queenes Maestie, or other Lorde or Lady, Maister or Maistres, be excused vpon his sayyng, from the taxes of the sayde Subsidie, in eyther of the places where he may be set, vnles he bryng a certificate in wytyng from the Commissioners, where that he is so set in deede at one place. And yf any person that ought to be set, by reason of his remoouyng or resortyng to two places, or by reason of his sayyng that he els where was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge by his dwelling or abydyng in any place, not beyng forspelled in this acte, or otherwyle by his couyn or craftte happen to escape from the sayde tarations, and be not set, and that proued by presentment, examination, or information, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe by the same commission appoynted, or by the Barons of the Queenes Maesties Exchequer, or two Iustices of the peace, of the Countie where suche person dwelleth, then enery suche person, that by suche meanes, or otherwyle wyllyngly by couyn shall happen to escape from the sayd taration or payment aforesayd, and not be taxed, rated, and set: shalbe charged vpon the knowledge and proffe thereof, with, and at the double value that he shoulde or ought to haue ben set at afore, accordyng to his behauiour: the same double value to be leuied, geathered, and payde of his goodcs and cattelles, landes and tenementes, towarde the sayde Subsidie, and further to be punished accordyng to the discretions of the Barons, Iustices, and Commissioners, before whom he shalbe conuicted for his offence and deceipt in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners of every Commission, shall accordyng to theyr diuisions, and after they be diuided, haue full power and auctoritie by this acte, to sette, tare, and selle euery other Commissioner, ioyned with them in euery suche Commission and diuision: and shall also assesse euery assessor, within theyr diuision

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dition, for his and they goodes, landes, and other the premisses, as is abouesayde. By the which sayd Commission, the sayd Commissioners shall indifferently set, rate, and assele them selues, and the sayde assessorours. And that as well the summes vpon euery of the sayd Commissioners and assessorours, so lesse, rated, and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the presenters, sworn as is abouesayde, shalbe written, certified, set, and estreated, and the estreats thereof to be made, with other the inhabitantes of that parties, within the limittes of the same Commission & dition, so to be gathered & leuied, in lyke maner as it ought or shoulde haue ben, yf the sayd Commissioner had not ben in the sayd Commission. And that al persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shalbe charged with theyr freeholde and value, as is abouesayde, by the Chauncellour or keeper of the great Seale, Treasurer of England, Lord President of the Queenes Maiesties priue Counsaile, & Lord priue Seale for the time being, or other persons by the Queenes maiesties auctoritie to be limited, and they to be charged for the sayd seuerall paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, after the fourme of the said graunt, according to the taxation aforesaid, and the summes vpon them set, with the names of the collectours appointed for the gathering and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered, and certified, at dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or keeper of the great Seale, Treasurer, Lord President of the Counsaile, and Lord priue Seale for the time being, or suche other persons as shalbe limited by the Queenes Maiestie. And after the taxes and asseses of the sayde sums vpon and by the sayd assellying and certificate, as is aforesayde made, the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the Queenes maiesties Commission, shall with all speede, and without delay, by the wytyng estreated of the sayd tax thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed at the least to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitantes, Constables, Subconstables, Bayliffes, and other officers ioyntly of Hundrethes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayde, within theyr limits, or to other sufficient persons inhabitantes of the same onely, by the discretion of the sayd Commissioners, and as the place and parties shal require, aswel the particuler names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all summes of money, taxed and set, of, and vpon euery person, as well man as woman, chargeable to this acte, housholder, and all other inhabitantes and dwellers within the sayd parishes, townes, and places contributorie to this acte of Subsidie. By auctoritie of which wytyng or estreate so deliuered, the sayd officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, immediatly after the

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deliuerie of the sayd wryting or estreate, to demand, leuie, and geather of euery person therein specified, the summe or summes in the same wryting or estreate comprised, & for none payment thereof, to distraine the same person or persons, so beyng behinde, by theyr goodes and catels, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of viii. dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And yf the sayd owner do not pay such summe of money as shalbe tayed by this act, within the same viii. dayes, then the same distresse to be appraysed by .iiii. iii. or .ii. of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayd Constable or other Collectour, for the payment of the sayd money, and the ouerplus commynge of the sale and keepynge thereof (yf any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, whiche sayd officers and other persons so deputed to acte, take, geather, and leuie the sayd summes, shall answere and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned or lymitted to be geathered, leuied, and comprised in the sayd wryting or estreate so to them (as is aforesayde) deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes maiestie, and her heyres, and successours. And the sayd summe in that wryting or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the hygh Collectour or Collectours of the place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder written, therevnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitauntes and officers so geatherynge the same particuler summes, for their collection thereof, shal reterne for euery .xx. s. so by them receyued and payde, two pence, & that to be allowed at the payment of theyr collection by them to be made to the hygh Collectour or Collectours.

And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde Commissioners, or the more part of them, as shall take vpon them the execution & busines of the sayd Commission, shal for eyther of the same paymentes of the sayd subside, name such sufficient and able persons, which then shall haue and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in theyr owne ryght, of the yeerely value of .xx. li. or goodes to the value of .ccc. markes at the least. And the persons severally by the discretions of the same Commissioners, in shires, ridings, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate, and other whatsoever places, as well within places prynced as without, not beyng forepysed within this acte, to be high Collectours, and haue the collection and receipt of the sayd summes, set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes where they shalbe so lymitted togeather & receiue, to euery of the which collectours so severally named, the said commissioners, or .ii. of them at the least, shal with all speede, & without delay, after the sayd whole sum of the sayd subside, be set by all the limits of the same their commission, or in such limits as the high collectours shalbe so severally assigned, shal vnder theyr seales and signes manetel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment,

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parchment, to euery of the sayd hygh Collectours, comprisyng in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayd particuler summes, and the summes of euery Hundred, wapentake, Towne, or other place aforesayd, with the names & surnames of the persons so chargeable, accordyng to the estreat so fyrst thereof made, as is aforesayde, and deliuered, and the Collector so to be assigned, shalbe charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the sayd estreate limited to his collection, as is aforesayd.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that the said Commissioners hauing authoritie by this act, to name & nominate the sayd hygh Collectours of the sayd subside, shall immediatly vpon the nomination & election, take by authoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without any fee or rewarde to be payde therefore of euery person so by them to be named to be hygh Collector, to be bounden to the Queenes maiestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endoxed and made vpon such condition: that is to say, for the collection of the sayde first payment of the sayd subside, that if the sayd Collector, his heyres, or executors, do truly content & pay to the vse of the Queenes maiestie, her heyres, or executors, in the receipt of the sayde Exchequer, before the sayde xxiii. day of June next commyng, so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shal collecte and geather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde payment of the sayd subside, vpon condition, that yf the sayd Collector, his heyres, or executors, do truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or executors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, before the fyrst day of March, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde God, M. D. lii. so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appoynted to his collection, as he shal collect and geather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he hath geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue: which sayde severall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the sayd Commissioners shall severally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the severall certificates of the sayd taxations and rates of the paymentes of the sayd subside, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appoynted by this acte, for the certificate of the sayde severall taxations of the said subside, vpon paine of forfaiture of .x. li. to the Queenes maiestie, for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery suche Collector, so elected, named, and chosen, vppon requeste to
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hym made, shall knowlege and make the sayd Recognisaunce of Obligation, bypon lyke payne and forsayture of. x. li. to the Queenes Ma-
iestie for the refusall thereof, and euery Collectour so deputed, hauing
the sayd estreat in Parchment, as is aforesayd, shal haue auctoritie by
this acte, to appoynt dayes and places within the circuite of his col-
lection, for the payment of the sayd Subsidie to hym to be made, and
thereof to geue warnyng by proclamation or otherwysse, to al the Con-
stables or other persons or inhabitauntes, hauing the charge of the
particuler collection, within the Hundredes, Parishes, Townes, or
other places by hym or them limited, to make payment for theyr sayd
particuler collection of euery summe, as to them shall apparteine. And
yf at the sayd day and place so limited & prefixed by the said Collectour,
the sayd Constable, Officers, or other persons or inhabitauntes, as is
aforesayd, for the sayd particuler collection, assigned and appoynted
within such Hundred, Citie, Towne, or other place do not pay vnto the
sayd Collectours, the summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Townes,
Parishes, and other places, due and comprised in the said estreate there-
of, to them deliuered by the sayd Commissioners, or some of them as is
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of euery pounde for the sayd particuler collection as is aforesayd, al-
wayes to be thereof allowed, excepted, and abated: That then it shalbe
lawfull to the sayd hygh Collectours and euery of them, and to theyr
assignes, to distrayne euery of the sayd Constables, Officers, and other
inhabitauntes, for theyr sayd seuerall and particuler collection of the
sayd summes comprised in the sayd estreate and wytyng thereof, to
them and euery of them, as is before expessed, deliuered, or for as much
of the same summe as so then shall happen to be geathered, and leuied,
and behynde and vnpayde by the goode s and cattelles of euery of them
so beyng behynde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, appraysed, and
solde, as is aforesayd, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then
beyng behynde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus commyng of the sale of
the sayd distresse (yf any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner
in fourme aboue remembred.

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any Citie, Bo-
rough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessor or
Collectour, of, or for any part of the sayde Subsidie, in any place or
places out of the sayd Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he
dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde auctoritie enacted, that yf any inhabi-
taunt or officer, or whatsoever person or persons, charged to and for
the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the sayd Subsidie, by
any maner of meanes, accordyng to this acte, or any person or persons
for them selues, or as keeper, gardian, deputie, factour, or atturney, of or
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for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattels of the owner thereof at the tyme of the sayd assessyng to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes and cattels, of any other person or persons, of any corporation, fraternitie, mysterie, or other whatsoever communitie, beyng incorporate or not incorporate, and all persons hauyng in theyr rule, gouernance, and custodie, any goodes, or cattelles, at the tyme of the sayd assessyng, or any of them, to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance, or custodie of any goodes or cattelles, of any other person or persons, corporation, communitie, fraternitie, guyde, or mysterie, or any such other lyke, or as a factor, deputie, or atturney, of or for any person, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, & set to any summe or summes by reason of this acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vppon any suche person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattelles be so eloynd, or in such priue and couert manner kept, as the sayde person or persons, charged with the same, by estreats, or other wytynges, from the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the sayd Commission, as is aforesayd, can, ne may leuy the same summe or summes, comprised within the same estreats, by distresse, within the limittes of theyr collection, as is aforesayde, or can not sell suche distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the sayde paymentes, before the tyme limited to the hygh Collectour for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt, them vpon relation thereof, with due examination, by the othe or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therevnto appoynted, where suche person or persons, or other as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattelles, were set and taxed, and vppon playne certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, as well of the dwelling place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuyed and had as is aforesayd, then as wel the Constables and other inhabitantes appoynted for the sayd particuler collection, agaynst the hygh Collectours, as the high Collectour vpon his accompt & othe in the sayd Exchequer, to be discharged thereof, and proces to be made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the sayde Exchequer by the discretion of the Barons of the sayd Exchequer, agaynst such person, his heyres, or executors, so being behynd with his payment. And ouer that, & same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made in fourme aforesayd, from tyme to tyme shall haue full power and auctoritie

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authoritie to direct theyr precept or preceptes vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any sum, of, for, or vpon any suche person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons, of such place or places where any suche person or persons so owyng suche summe or summes shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes, and catels, whereby any such person or persons so indetted, his heyres, executours, or assignes, or other hauyng the custody, gouernaunce, or disposition, of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or which ought or may by this acte lawfully be distrayned, or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, where of suche summe or summes, which by any suche person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of suche Commission, where suche person or persons was and were taxed, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maies ties dominions, marches or territories, by which precept aswell suche person or persons, as shalbe charged to leuy such money, as the officers of the place or places, where suche distresse may be taken, shall haue full power and authoritie, to distrayne euery such person indebted, charged, and chargeable by this acte, or his executours or administrators of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factors, deputies, lessees, fermours, and assignes, and all other persons by whose handes or out of whose landes, any such person shoulde haue rent, fee, annuities, or other profite, or which at the tyme of the sayde assessinges, shall haue goodes or cattelles, or any other thyng moueable, of any suche person or persons, beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe, and the distresse so taken, caused to be kept, appraysed, and solde, in lyke maner and forme as is aforesayde, for the distresse to be taken vpon suche persons, to be taxed to the sayde Subsidie, and beyng sufficient to distreyn within the limittes of the collectours, inhabitants, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vpon them to be taxed. And yf any suche distresse for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limite of the sayde persons, charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of any suche summe by distresse, shall receiue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, going for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any suche person so laboureth for the same, two pence. And euery fermour, Tenant, Gardian, factor, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distrayned, or otherwys charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe, by reason of this acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes, of hym or them so leuied, and taken, discharged and acquitted at his next day of payment of the same

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same, or at the deliuerie of suche goodes and cattelles, as he that is so distrayned had in his custodie and gouernance, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so tared and set, any graunt or wytyng obligatorie, or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore, notwithstanding. And yf any suche person that shoulde be so distrayned haue no landes or tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his tenantes, and fermours may be distrayned, or hath elorned, aliened, or hyd his goodes and cattelles, whereby he shoulde or myght be distrayned, in suche maner, that suche goodes and cattelles shall not be knowen or founde, so that the summe, of, or by hym to be payde in the sayd fourme, shal, ne can be conueniently leuied: Then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therevnto appoynted, where suche person or persons was tared and set, by the othes of hym or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes, the same Commissioners shal make a precept in suche maner as is aforesayd, for to attache, take, and arrest the body of suche person or persons that ought to pay the sayde summes, and by this acte shalbe charged with, and for the sayd summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shyre or other place, where any suche person or persons shalbe taken & attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynepryse, vntyl he hath payde the same summe or summes, that suche person for hym selfe or for any other, by this acte shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withall. And also for the fees of euery suche arrest, to hym or them that shall execute suche precept. xx. d. And that euery officer vnto whom suche precept shalbe directed, doo his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vppon payne to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie for euery defaulte in that behalfe, twentie shyllinges. And that no keeper of any Gaole, from his Gaole suffer any suche person to goe at large, by lettynge to bayle, or other wyse to depart out of his prison, before he haue payde his sayde debt, and the sayd xx. d. for the sayde arrest, vppon payne to forsayte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shyllinges. And the same Gaoler to paye vnto the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate whiche the sayd person so imprisoned, was tared at, as of the sayde twentie pence for the fees, and lyke proces and remedy in lyke fourme shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shalbe therevnto appoynted, at lyke information of euery personne or personnes beyng charged with any summe of money, for any other personne or personnes, by reason of the sayde Subsidie, and not thereof payde, but wyksully withdrawn, ne the same leuayable within the limittes where suche personnes were therevnto tared. And yf the summe or summes beyng behynde vnpayde,

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by payde, by any person or persons, as is aforesayd, to be leuied and gathered by force of the sayd processe, to be made by the sayde Commissioners, or if in default, or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owyng the sayde summe or summes of money, by proces of the same Commissioners, to be made as is aforesayde, be committed to prison in fourme abouesayde, that then the sayde Commissioners whiche shal awarde suche proces, shall make certificate thereof in the sayde Exchequer, of that shalbe doone in the premisses, in the Terme next folowynge, after suche summe or summes of money so beyng behinde, shalbe leuied and gathered, or suche person or persons for none payment of the same committed to prison. And yf it happen any of the sayde Collectours to be assigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewarde, Constable, the Headborough, Burtholde, Bayliffe, or any other officer, or minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to them made by the sayde Commissioners, for execution of the sayde Commission, or yf any of the officers or other persons doo refuse that to them shall apparteyne and belong to doo, by reason of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instaunce, or request, touchyng the premisses, or other default in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any person beyng suspect, or not to be indifferently taxed, as is aforesayde, doo refuse to be examined accordyng to the tenour of this acte, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto assigned, as is aforesayde, or wyl not appeare before the same Commissioners, bypon warnyng to hym made, or els make resistaunce or rescous, bypon any distresse bypon hym to be taken, for any parcell of the sayde Subsidie, or commit any misbehauour in any maner of wyse, contrary to this acte, or commit any wylfull omission, or other whatsoever wylfull, not dooyng or misdooyng, contrary to the tenour of this acte or graunt, the same Commissioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the least, bypon probable knowledge of any suche misdemeanors had, by information or examination, shall and may set bypon euery suche offendour for euery suche offence, in name of a fine by the same offendour to be forsayted, fourtie shyllynge, or vnder, by the discretion of the same Commissioners. And further, the same Commissioners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue aucthoritie by this present acte, to punyssh euery suche offendour, by imprisonment, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the sayde fines, yf any suche be, to be certified by the sayde Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde by the Collectours

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tours of that parties for the sayde Subsidie , returned into the sayde Exchequer , to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie , in suche maner as yf the sayde fines had ben set and taxed vpon the sayde offenders for the sayde Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this Parliament, that euery of the sayde hygh Collectours, whiche shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsidie , in the sayde Exchequer, vpon theyr seuerall sayde accomptes to be peelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsidie , for euery pounce limited to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charged, and peelde accompt, six pence, as parcel of theyr charge , that is to say , of euery pound therof, for such person as then haue had the particuler collection in the townes and other places , as is aforesayde , specified in his collection, two pence , and other two pence of euery pounce thereof, euery of the sayde cheefe collectours , or theyr accomptauntes , to re- teyne to theyr owne vse for theyr labour and charge , in, and about the premisses , and two pence of euery pounce residue , to be deliuered, allowed , and payde by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof allowed , to suche of the Commissioners as shal take vpon them the businessse and labour, for and about the premisses (that is to saye) euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners whiche had the ordyng of the writings , of, and for the sayde Subsidie , where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had theyr collection, for expences of the sayde Commissioners, so takyng vpon them the sayde businessse, and labour of theyr Clarkes, wryting the sayd preceptes and estreates for the sayde Collections , the same last two pence of euery pounce to be deuided amongst the sayde Commissioners, hauing regarde to theyr labour and businessse taken by them or theyr sayde Clarkes , in and about the premisses , for the whiche part so to the sayde Commissioners atteyning , the sayde Commissioners. bi. b. iiii. iii. or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes maiesties commission, and euery of them ioyntly and seuerally for his and theyr sayde part, maye haue his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, whiche thereof ben. and myght haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in whiche the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther intunction , or other essoigne shalbe allowed . And that no person now beyng of the number of the companie of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner , shalbe named or assigned to be any collectour or subcollectour , or presentour of the sayde Subsidie or of any part thereof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof . And lyke wyse that none other person that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioners in any place , to and for the execution of
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this acte of Subsidie, be or shalbe assigned, or named head collectours of anye of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, neyther of any parte thereof. And that every suche person or persons, whiche shalbe named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to be head collectours, in and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shal not be compelled to be collectour for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsidie, or for any part thereof. And the sayde Collectours whiche shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayde Subsidie, or for any parte thereof, and euery of them, be and shalbe acquitted and discharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the same to be asked. And that yf any person receyue and take any fees, rewardes, or pleasures of any suche accomptant: that then he shal forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie, for every penye, or the value of penye so taken. b. s. and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taryng and asselling of the sayde Subsidie, as is aforesayde, hadde or made, and the sayde estreates thereof in parchment, vnto the Collectour in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered, the sayde commissioners which shal take vpon them the execution of this acte, within the limittes of theyr commission, by theyr agreementes shal haue meeting togeather, at which meetyng euery of the sayd commissioners whiche then shal haue taken vpon them the execution of anye part of the sayde commission, shal by hym selfe, or by his sufficient deputie, truly certifie and bryng forth vnto the sayde commissioners named in the sayde commission, the certificate and presentment made before hym, and suche other commissioners as were limited with hym in one limite, so that the same certificate maye be accompted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission: and then the sayde commissioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the least, as is aforesayde, if any be in lyfe, or theyr executors or administratours of theyr goodes, yf they then be dead, shal ioyntlye and seuerallye as they were diuided within theyr limittes, vnder theyr seales by their discretion, make one or seuerall wytynges indented, conteynyng in it aswell the names of the sayde collectours by the commissioners, for suche collection and accompt in the Exchequer, and payment in the sayd receypt, deputed, and assigned, as the grosse and seuerall summes wrytten vnto euery suche Collectour, to receyue the sayde Subsidie. And also al fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeitures, yf anye suche by reason of this acte happen to be within the precinct and limit of theyr commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer by the sayde commissioners, in whiche wytyng or wytynges indented so to be certified, shalbe playnely declared and expessed, the whole and entire summe,

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or summes of the sayde Subsidie, seuerally limited to the collection of the sayde collectours, seuerally deputed and assigned to the collection of the said summes, so that none of the said Collectours so certified in the sayde Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt or to be charged, but only to & for the sum limited to his collection, & not to or for any sum limited to the collection of his fellow, but that euery of them shal be seuerally charged for their part, limited to theyr collection. And yf the sayd commissioners ioyned in one commission, amongst them selues in that matter can not agree, or yf any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commissioners, that then the same Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in fourme aforesayde, of theyr seuerall limittes or seperations of Collectours, within the limittes of theyr commission, vpon, and in the Hundrethes, Wardes, wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other lyke diuisions, within theyr sayde seueral limittes of their commission, as the places there shal requyre to be seuered and deuided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good to make diuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seueral charges of the same Collectours. So that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his parte to hym to be limited onely by hym selfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his fellowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified seuerally vpon them, and euery suche Collectour vpon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limited within his collection, to be seuerally by hym selfe acquitted and discharged in the sayd Exchequer, without paying anye maner fees or rewarde to any person or persons for the same, vpon the payne and penaltie last abouesayde, and not to be charged for anye portion of any other Collectour. And yf anye Commissioner after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforesayde, shal before anye such commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bookes and wrytinges thereof beyng in his handes, or yf any Collectour or other person charged with any receypt of anye part of the sayde Subsidie, or any other person, tared, or otherwyle by this acte charged with, and for any parcel of the sayde Subsidie, or with anye other summes, or fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the commissioner, Collectour, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged, that whiche to euerysuche person shal apperteyne or belong to do, accordyng to this acte, then the executours and heyres of euery such person, and al other ceased of any landes or tenementes, that anye suche person beyng charged by this acte, and deceasyng before he be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely hadde of estate of inheritance, at the tyme that anye suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwyle charged with and for any

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maner of thyng to be done, satisfied or payde by reason of this act, and al those that haue in theyr possessions, or handes, any goodes or cat- tels, leasses or other thynges that were to any such person or persons, at the tyme of his death, or any landes, or tenementes, that were the same persons at the tyme he was as is aforesayde, charged by this act, shalbe by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplyshe to do in every case, as the same person so being charged shoulde haue done & might haue ben compelled to do, if he had ben in playne lyfe, after such rate of the landes and goodes of the sayd commissioner or collectour, as the partie shal haue in his hande: and yf the sayde commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shal thinke it not conuenient to ioine in one certificate, as is beforesayd, then the said person or persons, that shal first ioine togeather, or he that shal first certifie the sayde wryting ended as is aforesayde, shal certifie all the names of the commissio- ners of that commission, whereupon suche wrytinges shalbe there then to be certified, with diuisions of the Hundredes, wapentakes, wardes, Tithinges, or other places, to and among suche commissio- ners of the same commission, with the names of the same commissio- ners, where suche seperation and diuision shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as wel of and for the sayde Subsidie, tared or set, of, or within the sayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to hym or them diuided or assigned, that shal so certifie the sayde fyrt wryting, as of fines, amerciamentes, penalties, or other forseyntures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes, whereof the same wry- tinges shalbe certified, and after suche wryting indented, whiche as is aforesayde, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and ful summes, set and tared within the limittes of the same commission, the other commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the sayde Subsidie, shal certifie vnto the sayde Erchequer, by theyr wry- ting or wrytinges ended, to be made as is aforesayde, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and tared within the places to them limitted for the sayde Subsidie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties and for- seyntures, with the names of the Hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wrytynges inden- ted, to certifie at the sayde place, before the sayde daye of payment, such reasonable causes for theyr excuses, why they may not make suche cer- tificate, of, and for the sayd Subsidie, fines, amerciamentes, and other forseyntures, growyng or set by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of theyr none certifying, as is abouesayde, or els in default thereof, proces to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Erchequer, agaynst the sayde commissioners, and euery of them, not makyng certificate as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasurer, or Barons of the sayd Erchequer.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore-
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sayde, that the inhabitantes of the Parryshe of Saint Mart in, called Stampforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stampforde, in the South part of the water there, called Welland, whiche hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successors, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for this tyme, by such Commissioners, whiche shalbe appoynted for the taxing, ratyng, and selling of such Subsidie or rate, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsidie to the Collectour or Collectours, whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgeses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stampforde.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and every person and persons, having Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this acte, and also having spiritual possessions, chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme, in theyr coniucation, and ouer this having substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde acte, that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and taxed for the sayd Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and taxed, for his or theyr goodes and cattelles, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this acte, for his and theyr sayd Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayd goodes and cattelles, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wyse extend to charge the inhabitantes or dwellers in Irelande, Iernesey, and Barnesey, or any of them, of, or concernyng any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, which the said inhabitantes or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within Irelande, Iernesey, & Barnesey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages, whiche any of the sayd inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for theyr attendance and dooyng seruice to our Soueraigne Ladie, in Irelande, Iernesey, Barnesey, or in any of them, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present act of Subsidie, ne any thing therein conteyned, extend to any of the english inhabitantes, or resiauntes in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westme-
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land, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the Byschopyrche of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cat- tels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitantes or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within the sayde Countie of Northumberlande, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Bar- wicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Byschopyrche of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages which any of the sayd inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance and doyng seruice to the Queenes ma- iestie, for or within the sayde Countie of Northumberlande, Cumber- lande, Westmerlande, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of New- castle vpon Tyne, and the Byschopyrche of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayd taryng, leuyng, geatherynge, or payment, but that the Englishe inhabitantes, and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the said Countie, Byschopyrche, and townes, and euery of them, shall be of and from the sayde Subsidie, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr Manors, Landes, Tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattelles, lying and being in the sayde Countie, Townes, and Byschopyrche, or any of them, vtterly acquitted and discharged, any thyng in this pre- sent acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that al letters patentes, graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble Progenitours, to any Cities, Bo- roughes, or Townes within this Realme, of any manner of libertie, priuileges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of anye suche grauntes of Subsidies, whiche be at this present tyme in force and payleable, shall remayne good and effectuell to the sayde Cities, Bo- roughes, and Townes hereafter, accordyng to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitantes of the same, shall vpon the great and wayghtie consyderation of the graunt aforesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributozie, in lyke maner, forme, and sort, as other Ci- ties, Boroughes, and Townes, which be not in any wyse priuiledged, be from such graunt of Subsidie excepted.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no Oryphant, or Infant, within the age of one and twentie yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shall be char- ged to any payment of this Subsidie, for his or her goods, and cat- tels, to hym or her left or bequeathed, any chyng in this acte contey- ned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therein con- teyned, shall extende to the goodes or Landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostell, within the Universities of Orenforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Byschoppe Wicheham, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge

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Colledge of Eaton next Windsor, or to the goods or landes of any common free grammer schole within the Realme of England or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaster, or Scholer, or any graduate within the sayde Uniuersities and Colledges, or any of them, there remaynyng for studie, without fraude or couine, or to the goodes and landes of any hospital, measondrie, or spittle house, prepared and bled for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that forasmuche as diuers and sundry the Queenes Maiesties tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the Countiees of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknoche, Radnour, Monogomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon, and of the Countie Palatine of Chester, be at this present tyme charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of diuers great summes of monney by the name of Ayle, due to her Maiestie, accordyng to the seuerall customes of the sayde Countiees.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this acte of Subsidie, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to charge any of the Queenes tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and dwellers within any of the sayde Countiees of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknoche, Radnour, Monogomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnarvon, and the Countie Palatine of Chester, being charged or chargeable with the sayde Ayle, for, or in any of the paymentes of the sayde Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this acte, but all the sayde seuerall dayes and tymes, for the payment of the sayde Ayles, shalbe expyred, and butyl the dayes and tymes of the seuerall Subsidies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lord and Soueraigne Lady, kynge Philip, and Queene Marie, be also past and expyred and that then the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsidie graunted by this present acte, shalbe made at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, before the fyrst day of March next folowyng, after the last dayes of the last payment to be had or appoynted of the sayde Ayles, and of the payment of the sayde former subsidies. And the seconde payment of this Subsidie, to be made by or before the fyrst day of Marche next after the sayde fyrst payment of the sayd Subsidie.

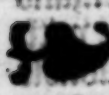
Furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the tenauntes and dwellers of euery of the sayde Countiees in this prouiso remembred, shall seuerally before the feast of Pentecost next ensuyng, certifie into the sayde Court of Exchequer, vnder the seales of two Iustices of peace of euery of the sayd Countiees, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what day the last payment of the sayde seuerall

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expyre.

Provided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or anye other
thyng therein conteyned, doo not in any wyse extende to be prejudi-
cial or hurtful to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present tyme,
within the fyve portes corporate, or to any of their members incor-
porate, or bruted to the same fyve portes, or to anye of the same fyve
portes, or, or for any part or parcell of the sayde summes graunted in
this Parliament of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of
them, to be taxed, set, asked, leuyed, or payde. But the sayde inhabi-
tauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fyve portes, and theyr members,
be and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde
Subsidie, duryng theyr resiauncie there, and no longer, clearly acqui-
ted and discharged: any matter, or whatsoever thyng in this present
acte had or made to the contrary, notwithstanding.

God save the Queene.

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